

Science
Special Education (All Areas)
Speech and Drama/Theater
Speech Language Therapist

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Agriculture
Art
Business Education
Family/Consumer Science
Foreign Language
Health
Media Specialist
Middle Level (Grades 6–8)
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
Secondary (Grades 9–12)
 English
 Mathematics
 Sciences
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
Special Education
Theatre

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Business Education
Family/Consumer Science
Foreign Language
Health
Media Specialist
Middle Level Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
Secondary Education

English
Mathematics
Sciences
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 Science
Special Education
Speech Language Therapist
Theatre

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Agriculture
Business Education
Computer Programming
English as a Second Language
Family/Consumer Science
Foreign Language
Industrial Technology Education
Media Specialist
Middle Level Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
Music
Secondary Education
 English
 Mathematics
 Sciences
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 Science
Special Education
Theatre

2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Art
Business Education

Career and Technology
 Computer Programming
 Dance
 English as a Second Language
 Family/Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 Health
 Industrial Technology Education
 Media Specialist
 Middle Level Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
 Physical Education
 Secondary Education
 English
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education
 Theatre
 World Language

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Agriculture
 Art
 Business Education
 Dance
 Engineering
 English as a Second Language
 Family/Consumer Science
 Health
 Industrial Technology Education
 Literacy
 Media Specialist
 Middle Level Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
 Music
 Secondary Education
 English

Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
 Special Education
 Speech Language Therapist
 Theatre
 World Language

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Agriculture
 Art
 Business Education
 Career and Technology
 Dance
 Engineering
 English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Family/Consumer Science
 Gifted and Talented
 Health
 Literacy
 Media Specialist
 Middle Level Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Social Studies
 Music
 Secondary Education
 English/Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education
 Speech Language
 Theatre
 World Language

SOUTH DAKOTA

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Geographic Areas

Cheyenne River BIA School
 Crazy Horse Day School

Little Wound School System
Marty Indian School
Pierre Indian Learning Center
Pine Ridge School
Todd County School District
Wounded Knee School System

1992–1993

Special Education (Preschool–12)

1993–1994

Gifted (Preschool–12)
Special Education (Preschool–12)
Speech Therapist (Preschool–12)

1994–1995 and 1995–1996

Gifted
Special Education

1996–1997

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Jackson County
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

1997–1998 and 1998–1999

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

1999–2000

Science
Technology Education

2000–2001 through 2003–2004

Geographic Areas (Pre-K–12)

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

2004–2005 and 2005–2006

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

2006–2007

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

Academic Disciplines

Special Education

2007–2008

Foreign Language (K–Grade 12)
Math (Grades 7–12)
Music (K–Grade 12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Speech Pathologists

2008–2009 through 2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Art (K–Grade 12)
Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
English as a New Language (K–Grade 12)
Health (K–Grade 12)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Music (K–Grade 12)
Physical Education (K–Grade 12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Social Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Speech Pathologists
World Languages (K–Grade 12)

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
English as a New Language (K–Grade 12)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Speech Pathologists
World Languages (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation

Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Shannon County
Todd County

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
English as a New Language (K–Grade 12)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)
World Languages (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Roberts County
Shannon County
Todd County

2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
English as a New Language (K–Grade 12)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Social Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)
World Languages (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Indian Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Indian Reservation
Mellette County
Roberts County
Shannon County
Todd County

2016–2017 and 2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education
English Language Learners
Fine Arts
Language Arts
Mathematics
Physical Education/Health
Science
Self-Contained
Social Science
Special Education (Non-Core)
World Languages
Other

Geographic Areas

Bennett County
Cheyenne River Reservation
Corson County
Crow Creek Reservation
Jackson County
Lower Brule Reservation
Mellette County
Roberts County
Oglala Lakota County
Todd County

TENNESSEE

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Blind/Visually Impaired
Deaf/Blind
Deaf/Hearing Impaired
Development Class–Opt. 8
Development Class/Mainstreamed–Opt. 7
Developmentally Delayed
Emotionally Disturbed Resource
Experimental Special Education
Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation (Severe/Emotional)
Multiple Disabilities
Physically/Orthopedically Impaired
Resource
Severely Impaired
Speech and Hearing
Speech/Language Impaired
Traumatic Brain Injury

1992–1993 through 1999–2000

Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Autistic
Blind/Visually Impaired
Deaf/Blind
Deaf/Hearing Impaired
Development Class–Opt. 8
Developmentally Delayed
Emotionally Disturbed Resource
Experimental Special Education
Health/Other Health Impaired (Includes ADD and ADHD)
Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation (Educable, Moderate, Severe, Profound)
Multiple Disabilities
Physically/Orthopedically Impaired
Resource Teacher Impaired
Severely Impaired
Speech and Hearing
Speech/Language Impaired
Traumatic Brain Injury
Special Education Teachers (CDC)

Self-Contained Comprehensive
Development Class/Mainstreamed-Opt. 7

2000-2001 and 2001-2002

Special Education (K-Grade 12)
Autistic
Blind, Visually Impaired
Deaf/Blind
Deaf/Hearing Impaired
Developmentally Delayed
Emotionally Disturbed
Experimental Special Education
Functionally Delayed
Health/Other Health
Impaired (Includes ADD and ADHD)
Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation (Educable, Moderate,
Severe, Profound)
Multiple Disabilities
Physically/Orthopedically Impaired
Resource Teacher Impaired (Special Ed.)
Speech and Hearing
Speech and Language Impaired
Traumatic Brain Injury
Special Education Teachers (CDC)
Development Class/Mainstreamed-Opt. 7
Self-Contained Comprehensive Development
Class-Opt.8

2002-2003 and 2003-2004

No TSA proposal submitted

2004-2005

Autism
Deaf-Blindness
Developmental Delay
Emotional Disturbance
English Language Learners
Hearing Impairments
Mental Retardation
Multiple Disabilities
Orthopedic Impairments
Other Health Impairments
Specific Learning Disabilities
Speech/Language Impairments

Traumatic Brain Injury
Visual Impairments

2005-2006

ESL
Mathematics (Grades 7-12)
Special Education

2006-2007 and 2007-2008

ESL
Mathematics (Grades 7-12)
Science (Grades 7-12)
Special Education

2008-2009 and 2009-2010

English as a Second Language
Special Education

2010-2011

ESL (K-Grade 12)
Math (Grades 7-12)
Science (Grades 7-12)
Special Education (K-Grade 12)

2011-2012

ESL (K-Grade 12)
Special Education (K-Grade 12)

2012-2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

English (Grades 7-12)
ESL (K-Grade 12)
Mathematics (Grades 7-12)
Science (Grades 7-12)
Special Education (K-Grade 12)
World Languages (K-Grade 12)

2013–2014Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

English (Grades 7–12)
 ESL (K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Science (Grades 7–12)
 Social Studies (Grades 7–12)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)
 World Languages (K–Grade 12)

2014–2015 and 2015–2016Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

English (Grades 7–12)
 ESL (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Science (Grades 7–12)
 Social Studies (Grades 7–12)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)
 World Languages (Grades 7–12)

2016–2017 and 2017–2018Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

English (Grades 7–12)
 ESL (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Science (Grades 7–12)
 Social Studies (Grades 7–12)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)
 World Languages (Grades 7–12)

TEXAS**1990–1991 through 1992–1993**

Bilingual/English as a Second Language (Pre-K–6)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)

1993–1994

Bilingual/ESL (Pre-K–6)
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Science (Grades 7–12)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)

1994–1995 and 1995–1996

Bilingual Education (Pre-K–12)
 Mathematics (Middle/High School)
 Science (Grades 7–12)
 All Sciences
 Special Education (Pre-K–12)

1996–1997

Bilingual
 Computer Science
 Earth Science
 English as a Second Language
 Life Science
 Mathematics
 Physical Science
 Reading
 Special Education

1997–1998 through 1999–2000

Bilingual/ESL
 Foreign Language
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education

2000–2001 through 2003–2004

Bilingual/ESL
 Foreign Language
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education
 Technology Application

2004–2005

Bilingual Education
 ESL

Foreign Languages
Mathematics
Science
Special Education
Technology Applications

2005–2006 through 2009–2010

Bilingual Education
ESL
Foreign Language
Mathematics
Science
Special Education
Technology Applications

2010–2011

Bilingual Education
Mathematics
Science
Spanish
Special Education
Technology Applications

2011–2012

Bilingual Education
Mathematics
Science
Spanish
Special Education

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Bilingual/ESL
Foreign Languages
Mathematics
Science
Special Education

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Bilingual/ESL
Computer Science
Foreign Languages
Mathematics
Science
Special Education

2014–2015 and 2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Bilingual/English as a Second Language
Career and Technical Education
Computer Science
Mathematics
Science
Special Education
 Elementary
 Secondary

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Bilingual/ESL
 Elementary
 Secondary
Career and Technical Education
Computer Science/Technology Applications
Mathematics
Science
Special Education
 Elementary
 Secondary

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Bilingual/ESL

Career and Technical Education
 Computer Science/Technology Applications
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education
 Elementary
 Secondary

UTAH

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Special Education
 Communication Disorders (K–Grade 12)
 Mild/Moderate (K–Grade 12)
 Severe (K–Grade 12)

1992–1993

Mathematics
 Special Education
 Communication Disorders (K–Grade 12)
 Mild/Moderate (K–Grade 12)
 Severe (K–Grade 12)

1993–1994 and 1994–1995

Audiology (K–Grade 12)
 Hearing Impaired/Deaf (K–Grade 12)
 Severely Handicapped (K–Grade 12)
 Speech Pathology (K–Grade 12)
 Visually Impaired (K–Grade 12)

1995–1996

Hearing Impaired (Deaf) (K–Grade 12)
 Severely Handicapped (K–Grade 12)
 Speech Pathology (K–Grade 12)
 Visually Impaired (K–Grade 12)

1996–1997

English as a Second Language
 Speech Pathology, K–12

1997–1998 and 1998–1999

Audiology

English as a Second Language
 Hearing Impaired
 Severely Handicapped
 Special Education (Birth–Age 5)
 Speech Pathology (K–Grade 12)
 Visually Impaired

1999–2000

Audiology
 Hearing Impaired
 Severely Handicapped
 Special Education (Birth–Age 5)
 Special Education
 Mild/Moderate
 Speech Pathology (K–Grade 12)
 Visually Impaired

2000–2001

Chemistry
 Computer Science
 English as a Second Language
 Integrated Science
 Math Level 3
 Math Level 4
 Physics
 Preschool Special Education
 Sign Language
 Special Education
 Hearing Impaired
 Mild/Moderate
 Visually Impaired
 Severe
 Speech Pathology

2001–2002 and 2002–2003

Regular Education
 Audiology
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 English as a Second Language
 Integrated Science
 Mathematics Level 3
 Mathematics Level 4
 Physics
 Special Education

Hearing Impaired
Mild Moderate
Severely Visually Impaired
Speech Pathology

2003–2004

Regular Education
Audiology
Business and Office Technology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Driver and Traffic Safety Education
English as a Second Language
Integrated Science
Mathematics Level 3
Mathematics Level 4
Sign Language
Technology Education
Special Education
Hearing Impaired
Mild Moderate
Preschool Special Education
Severe
Severely Visually Impaired
Speech Pathology

2004–2005

Mathematics Level 4
Preschool Special Education
Special Education
Hearing Impaired
Severe
Visually Impaired
Speech Pathology

2005–2006

Mathematics Level 4
Special Education
Mild/Moderate
Severe
Speech Pathology

2006–2007

Audiology

Chemistry
Early Childhood
Integrated Science
Mathematics Level 3
Mathematics Level 4
Physics
Preschool Special Education
Special Education
Mild/Moderate
Severe
Visually Impaired
Speech Pathology

2007–2008

Chemistry
Communication Disorders
Speech Pathology
Mathematics Level 4
Physics
Preschool Special Education
Special Education
Mild/Moderate
Severe

2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Chemistry
Mathematics Level 4
Preschool Special Education
Special Education
Mild/Moderate
Severe
Speech Language Pathology

2010–2011

School Psychology
Special Education
Hearing Impaired
Mild/Moderate
Severe
Visually Impaired
Speech Language Pathology

2011–2012

Foreign Language

Chinese
 Mathematics Level 4
 Preschool Special Education
 Special Education
 Hearing Impaired
 Severe
 Visually Impaired

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Mathematics Level 4
 Preschool Special Education
 Special Education
 Deaf and Hearing Impaired
 Severe
 Speech Language Pathology

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Mathematics Level 3
 Mathematics Level 4
 Preschool Special Education
 Special Education
 Severe
 Speech Language Pathology

2014–2015

Chemistry
 Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Dual Immersion
 Mathematics Level 3
 Mathematics Level 4
 Physics

2015–2016

Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Dual Immersion
 Mathematics (Level 4)
 Physics
 Special Education
 Severe Disabilities
 Speech Language Pathology

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chemistry
 Mathematics (Level 3)
 Mathematics (Level 4)
 Physics
 Special Education
 Mathematics
 Mild/Moderate
 Severe Disabilities
 Speech Language Pathology

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chinese
 Foreign Language–Dual Immersion
 Mathematics (Level 3)
 Mathematics (Level 4)
 Special Education
 Preschool (Birth–Age 5)
 Severe Disabilities

VERMONT

1990–1991 through 1992–1993

No TSA proposal submitted

1993–1994 through 1995–1996

State declared no TSAs exist

1996–1997 through 2003–2004

No TSA proposal submitted

2004–2005 and 2005–2006

Business Education
Counselor
Design and Technology Education
English (Grades 7–12)
ESL
Foreign Language
 French
 Spanish
Health Education
Library Media
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
 English
 Math
 Science
 Social Studies
Music
Science–General Science (Grades 7–12)
Social Studies–General (Grades 7–12)
Special Educator

2006–2007

Business Education
Counselor
Design and Technology Education
Educational Speech Language Pathologist
English (Grades 7–12)
ESL
Health Education
Library Media
Math–Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
 English
 Science
 Social Studies
Modern and Classical Languages
Music
Science–General Science (Grades 7–12)
Social Studies–General (Grades 7–12)

Special Educator

2007–2008

Business Education
Counselor
Design and Technology Education
Educational Speech Language Pathologist
English (Grades 7–12)
ESL
Health Education
Library Media
Math–Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Modern and Classical Languages
Music
Science–General Science (Grades 7–12)
Science–Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
Special Educator

2008–2009 through 2010–2011

Counselor
Design and Technology Education
Educational Speech Language Pathologist
English as a Second Language
Health Education
Library Media
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Middle Grades (Grades 5–9)
 English
 Math
 Science
Modern and Classical Languages
Music
Science–General Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Educator

2011–2012

Educational Technology Specialist
English as a Second Language
Health Education
Library Media Specialist
Modern and Classical Languages
Principal
School Counselor
School Nurse

Speech Language Pathologist

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Design and Technology Education
Educational Technology Specialist
English as a Second Language
Health Education
Library Media Specialist
Modern and Classical Language

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Educational Technology Specialist
English as a Second Language
Health Education
Library Media Specialist
Modern and Classical Language

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Educational Technology Specialist
English
English as a Second Language
Family and Consumer Sciences
Health Education
Library Media Specialist
Mathematics
Modern and Classical Language
Music
Physical Education
Principal

2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

English

Health Education

Library Media Specialist

Principal

Spanish–Modern and Classical Language

Special Educator

Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter in Designated Counties

Design and Technology Education (Applicable Counties: Chittenden, Franklin, Lamoille, Orange, and Orleans)

Driver Education (Applicable Counties: Orleans and Windsor)

Educational Technology Specialist (Applicable Counties: Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, Franklin, and Washington)

English as a Second Language (Applicable Counties: Chittenden, Orange, Orleans, and Rutland)

Family and Consumer Sciences (Applicable Counties: Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Rutland, Washington, and Windsor)

French–Modern and Classical Language (Applicable Counties: Caledonia, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor)

Mathematics (Applicable Counties: Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Orange, Lamoille, Orleans, Washington, and Windsor)

Music (Applicable Counties: Addison, Caledonia, Lamoille, Orange, Washington, and Windham)

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Health Education

Library Media Specialist

Principal

Foreign Language–Spanish

Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter in
Designated Counties

Design and Technology Education (Applicable
Counties: Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans,
Washington, and Windsor)
Educational Technology Specialist (Applicable
Counties: Caledonia, Lamoille, and Orleans)
ESL (Applicable Counties: Franklin and
Rutland)
Family and Consumer Sciences (Applicable
Counties: Rutland, Washington, and
Windsor)
Foreign Language–French (Applicable
Counties: Caledonia, Chittenden, Rutland,
Washington, and Windsor)
Social Studies (Applicable Counties:
Chittenden, Franklin, Lamoille, and Windham)

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject
Matter

Foreign Language–Spanish
Health Education
Library Media Specialist
Music
Principal
School Nurse

Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter in
Designated Counties

Educational Technology Specialist (Applicable
Counties: Caledonia, Franklin, Lamoille,
Orange, and Orleans)
Foreign Language–French (Applicable
Counties: Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland,
Washington, Windham, and Windsor)

VIRGINIA

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Early Childhood Education
Earth and Space Science (Grades 9–12)
Foreign Languages (Grades 9–12)

Arabic
Chinese
Japanese
Russian
Special Education (Birth–Grade 12)
Emotionally Disturbed
Hearing Impaired
Learning Disabled
Severely/Profoundly Handicapped
Visually Handicapped

1992–1993 through 1994–1995

Earth and Space Science (Grades 9–12)
Foreign Languages (Grades 9–12)
Arabic
Chinese
Japanese
Russian
Special Education (Birth–Grade 12)
Emotionally Disturbed
Hearing Impaired
Learning Disabled
Severely/Profoundly Handicapped
Visually Handicapped

1995–1996

Foreign Languages
Science
Chemistry
Earth and Space Science
Physics
Special Education
Emotionally Disturbed
Hearing Impaired
Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation
Preschool Handicapped
Severely and Profoundly Handicapped
Speech Pathology
Visually Impaired
Technology Education

1996–1997

No TSA proposal submitted

1997–1998

Foreign Language
 Science
 Chemistry
 Earth and Space Science
 Physics
 Special Education
 Emotionally Disturbed
 Hearing Impaired
 Learning Disabled
 Mental Retardation
 Preschool Handicapped
 Severely/Profoundly Handicapped
 Visually Handicapped

1998–1999

Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Italian
 Latin
 Oriental Languages
 Russian
 Science
 Chemistry
 Earth and Space Science
 Physics
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotionally Disturbed
 Hearing Impaired
 Learning Disabled
 Mental Retardation
 Reading Specialist
 School psychologist
 Severely/Profoundly Disabled
 Speech–Language Pathology
 Visiting teacher/Social Worker
 Visually Impaired
 Technology Education

1999–2000

Foreign Language
 Chinese
 Italian

Latin
 Oriental Languages
 Russian
 Spanish
 Science
 Chemistry
 Earth and Space Science
 Physics
 Librarian/Media Specialist
 Mathematics
 Reading Specialist
 School Psychologist
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotionally Disturbed
 Hearing Impaired
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Severely and Profoundly Disabled
 Speech–Language Pathology
 Visually Impaired
 Technology Education
 Visiting Teacher/Social Worker

2000–2001 and 2001–2002

No TSA proposal submitted

2002–2003 and 2003–2004

Chemistry
 Earth Science
 English
 Mathematics
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 Music Education (Pre-K–12)
 Reading Specialist
 Spanish (Pre-K to 12)
 Special Education (Pre-K–12)
 Technology Education

2004–2005

Career and Technical Education
 Business Education
 Health Occupations Education
 Technology Education
 Trade and Industrial Education

Work and Family Studies
 Computer Science
 English as a Second Language
 History and Social Sciences
 Mathematics
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 Reading Specialist
 Science/Earth Science
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotional Disturbance
 Hearing Impairment
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Severe Profound Disabilities
 Speech and Language Disorders
 Visual Impairment

2005–2006

Algebra I
 Career and Technical Education
 Technology Education
 Trade and Industrial Education
 Computer Science (Grades 6–12)
 Earth Science
 Elementary Education
 English as a Second Language
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–12)
 History (Grades 6–12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Reading Specialist
 Social Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotional Disturbances
 Hearing Impairment
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Severe Disabilities
 Speech and Language Disorders
 Visual Impairment

2006–2007

Algebra I
 Career and Technical Education

Business Education
 Family and Consumer Sciences
 Technology Education
 Trade and Industrial Education
 Earth Science
 Elementary Education
 English
 Foreign Language (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 French
 Spanish
 History (Grades 6–12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 Reading Specialist
 Social Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotional Disturbances
 Hearing Impairment
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Severe Disabilities
 Speech and Language Disorders
 Visual Impairment

2007–2008

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–6)
 English (Grades 6–12)
 English as a Second Language
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–12)
 Spanish
 French
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–12)
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Emotional Disturbances
 Hearing Impairment
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Severe Disabilities
 Speech and Language Disorders
 Visual Impairment

2008–2009

Career and Technical Education
 Family and Consumer Sciences
 Technology Education
 English (Grades 6–12)
 English as a Second Language (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Spanish
 Library Media (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics
 Algebra I
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Middle Grades (Grades 6–8 All subjects)
 Reading Specialist
 Science
 Biology
 Earth Science
 Middle Grades (Grades 6–8)
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education (Birth–Age 5)
 Hearing Impairment (Pre-K–12)
 Special Education Adapted Curriculum (K–12 Severe Disabilities)
 Special Ed. General Curriculum (K–Grade 12)
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Emotional Disturbance
 Speech and Language Disorders (Pre-K–12)
 Visual Impairments (Pre-K–12)

2009–2010

Career and Technical Education
 Agriculture Education
 Family and Consumer Sciences
 Technology Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–6)
 English (Grades 6–12)
 English as a Second Language (Pre-K–12)
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–12)
 Latin
 Spanish
 Library Media (Pre-K–12)

Mathematics

Algebra I
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Middle Grades (Grades 6–8 All Subjects)
 Reading Specialist
 Science
 Biology
 Earth Science
 Middle Grades (Grades 6–8)
 Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education
 Early Childhood Special Education (Birth–Age 5)
 Hearing Impairment (Pre-K–12)
 Special Education Adapted Curriculum (K–12 Severe Disabilities)
 Special Ed. General Curriculum (K–Grade 12)
 Emotional Disturbance
 Learning Disabilities
 Mental Retardation
 Speech and Language Disorders (Pre-K–12)
 Visual Impairments (Pre-K–12)

2010–2011 and 2011–2012

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 English (Grades 6–12)
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12, Including Algebra I)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–12)
 Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education

2012–2013**Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter**

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 ESL (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)

Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12, Including Algebra I)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education

2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 English
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12, Including Algebra I)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Science (Grades 6–12)
 Special Education

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 English
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 History and Social Sciences
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12, Including Algebra I)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Special Education

2015–2016 and 2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education
 Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 English (Secondary)
 Foreign Languages (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Health and Physical Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 History and Social Sciences (Secondary)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12, Including Algebra I)
 Middle Education (Grades 6–8)
 School Counselor (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Special Education

WASHINGTON

1990–1991 through 1992–1993

Special Education (K–Grade 12)

1993–1994

State declared no TSAs exist

1994–1995 and 1995–1996

Speech–Language Pathology

1996–1997

Agriculture
 Mathematics
 Special Education

1997–1998

Agriculture
 Business Education
 Mathematics
 Special Education
 Technology Education

1998–1999

Business Education
 English/Language Arts
 Marketing Education
 Mathematics
 Music
 Science
 Special Education
 Technology Education

1999–2000

Agriculture
 Business Education
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Mathematics
 Music
 Science
 Technology Education

2000–2001 through 2002–2003

Bilingual Education
 Chemistry
 Japanese
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Special Education
 Technology Education

2003–2004

Bilingual Education
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Choral Music
 Early Childhood Special Education
 English as a Second Language
 Instrumental Music
 Japanese
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Special Education

2004–2005 through 2006–2007

Bilingual Education

Early Childhood Special Education
 Japanese
 Physics
 Special Education

2007–2008 through 2013–2014Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Biology
 Chemistry
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Earth and Space Science
 Mathematics
 Middle Level Education
 Mathematics
 Science
 Occupational Therapist
 Physical Therapist
 Physics
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Science
 Special Education
 Speech Language Pathologist

2014–2015 and 2015–2016Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Bilingual Education
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Early Childhood Special Education
 Earth and Space Science
 English Language Learner
 Mathematics
 Middle Level Education
 Mathematics
 Science
 Occupational Therapist
 Physical Therapist
 Physics
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Science

Special Education
Speech Language Pathologist

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Bilingual Education
Biology
Chemistry
Early Childhood Special Education
Earth and Space Science
English Language Learner
Mathematics
Middle Level Education
 Mathematics
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Physics
School Nurse
School Psychologist
Science
Special Education
Speech Language Pathologist

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Bilingual Education
Biology
Chemistry
Early Childhood Special Education
Earth and Space Science
Elementary Education
English Language Learner
Mathematics
Middle Level Education
 Mathematics
 Science
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Physics
School Nurse
School Psychologist
Science

Special Education
Speech Language Pathologist

WEST VIRGINIA

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Special Education
 Mentally Impaired (mild/moderate only)

1992–1993 and 1993–1994

State declared no TSAs exist

1994–1996 through 1999–2000

Speech–Language Pathology

2000–2001

General Education

All Foreign Languages
American Sign Languages
Chemistry
English as a Second Language
Mathematics
Physics
Reading Specialist

Special Education

Behavior Disorders
Mentally Impaired
Special Learning Disabilities

2001–2002 through 2003–2004

No TSA proposal submitted

2004–2005

Geographic Areas (Counties)

Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Cabell

Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
Hardy
Harrison
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
Lincoln
Logan
Marshall
Mason
McDowell
Mercer
Mineral
Mingo
Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Ohio
Pendleton
Pleasants
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
Raleigh
Randolph
Roane
Summers
Tucker
Tyler
Upshur
Wayne
Webster
Wetzel
Wood
Wyoming

2005-2006

Geographic Areas (Counties)

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Brooke
Cabell
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
Hardy
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
Lincoln
Logan
Mason
McDowell
Mercer
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Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas
Ohio
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
Raleigh
Randolph
Roane
Summers
Tucker
Upshur
Wayne
Webster
Wood
Wyoming

2006–2007Geographic Areas (Counties)

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Brooke
Cabell
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
Hardy
Harrison
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
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McDowell
Mercer
Mineral
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Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas
Ohio
Pendleton
Pleasants
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
Raleigh
Randolph
Ritchie

Roane
Summers
Taylor
Tucker
Tyler
Upshur
Wayne
Webster
Wetzel
Wirt
Wood
Wyoming

2007–2008

Elementary Education (Pre-K–6)
Elementary Education
ESL
Language Arts
Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
English
General Science
Mathematics
High School Education (9–AD)
Arts
Biological Sciences
Business Education/Math
Chemistry
Driver Education
English
Family Consumer Science
Foreign Language
General Science
Health Education/PE
Language Arts
Mathematics
Physics
Social studies
Endorsement Areas
Counselor
School Librarian/Media
School Nurse
School Psychologist
Social Services/Attendance
Speech–Language Pathologist
Vocational

Special Education (All Areas)

Autism
Behavioral Disorders
Gifted
Hearing Impaired
Mentally Impaired Mild–Moderate
Multi–Categorical (LD, BD, MI)
Preschool–Special Needs
Severe/Profoundly Handicapped
Specific Learning Disabilities

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Brooke
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
Hardy
Harrison
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
Lincoln
Logan
Mason
McDowell
Mercer
Mineral
Mingo
Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
Raleigh

Randolph
Ritchie
Roane
Taylor
Tucker
Tyler
Upshur
Wayne
Webster
Wetzel
Wood
Wyoming

2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Elementary Education (Pre–K–6)

Elementary Education

ESL

Reading Specialist

Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)

English

General Science

Mathematics

Social Studies

High School Education (9–AD)

Arts

Biological Sciences

Business Education/Math

Chemistry

Computer Education

Driver Education

English

Family Consumer Science

Foreign Language

General Science

Health Education/PE

Language Arts

Mathematics

Physics

Social Studies

Endorsement Areas

Counselor

School Librarian/Media

School Nurse

School Psychologist

Social Services/Attendance

Speech–Language Pathologist

Vocational
 Special Education (All Areas)
 Autism
 Behavioral Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Mentally Impaired Mild–Moderate
 Multi–Categorical (LD, BD, MI)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
 Berkeley
 Boone
 Braxton
 Cabell
 Calhoun
 Clay
 Doddridge
 Fayette
 Gilmer
 Grant
 Greenbrier
 Hampshire
 Hancock
 Hardy
 Harrison
 Jackson
 Jefferson
 Kanawha
 Lincoln
 Logan
 Marion
 Mason
 McDowell
 Mercer
 Mineral
 Mingo
 Monongalia
 Monroe
 Morgan
 Nicholas
 Ohio

Pendleton
 Pleasants
 Pocahontas
 Preston
 Putnam
 Raleigh
 Ritchie
 Roane
 Summers
 Tucker
 Tyler
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wood
 Wyoming

2010–2011

Elementary Education (Pre–K–6)
 Elementary Education
 ESL
 Reading Specialist
 Middle School Education (Grades 5 –9)
 English
 General Science
 Mathematics
 High School Education (9–AD)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Math
 Chemistry
 Computer Education
 Driver Education
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/PE
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Endorsement Areas
 Counselor
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse

School Psychologist
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist
 Vocational
 Special Education (All Areas)
 Autism
 Behavioral Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Mentally Impaired Mild–Moderate
 Multi–Categorical (LD, BD, MI)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

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 Putnam
 Raleigh
 Randolph
 Ritchie
 Roane
 Summers
 Taylor
 Tucker
 Tyler
 Upshur
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wirt
 Wood
 Wyoming

2011–2012

Elementary Education (Pre-K–6)
 Elementary Education
 ESL
 Reading Specialist
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
 Mathematics
 High School Education (9–AD)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Math
 Chemistry
 Driver Education
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/PE
 Language Arts

Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Endorsement Areas
 Counselor
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist
 Vocational
 Special Education (All Areas)
 Autism
 Behavioral Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Mentally Impaired Mild–Moderate
 Multi–Categorical (LD, BD, MI)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

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 Jackson
 Jefferson
 Kanawha
 Lewis
 Lincoln

Logan
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 McDowell
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 Monongalia
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 Pendleton
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 Ritchie
 Roane
 Summers
 Taylor
 Tucker
 Tyler
 Upshur
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wirt
 Wood
 Wyoming

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 ESL
 Reading Specialist
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
 English
 General Science
 Mathematics
 Social Studies

High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)

Arts
Biological Sciences
Business Education/Mathematics
Chemistry
Computer Education
Driver Education
English
Family Consumer Science
Foreign Language
General Science
Health Education/Physical Education
Language Arts
Mathematics
Physics
Social Studies
Individual Endorsement Areas
Career and Technical Education
Counselor
School Librarian/Media
School Nurse
School Psychologist
Social Services/Attendance
Speech–Language Pathologist
Special Education
Autism
Behavioral Disorders
Gifted
Mentally Impaired (Mild–Moderate)
Multi–Categorical
Preschool–Special Needs
Severe Disabilities
Specific Learning Disabilities
Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Brooke
Cabell
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette

Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
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Harrison
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
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Lincoln
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Marion
Marshall
Mason
McDowell
Mercer
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Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas
Ohio
Pendleton
Pleasants
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
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Summers
Taylor
Tucker
Tyler
Upshur
Wayne
Webster
Wetzel
Wirt
Wood
Wyoming

2013–2014**Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter**

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
Elementary Education
English as a Second Language
Reading Specialist
Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
English
Mathematics
Social Studies
High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)
Arts
Biological Sciences
Business Education/Mathematics
Chemistry
Driver Education
English
Family Consumer Science
Foreign Language
General Science
Health Education/Physical Education
Language Arts
Mathematics
Physics
Social Studies
Individual Endorsement Areas
Career and Technical Education
Counselor
School Librarian/Media
School Nurse
School Psychologist
Social Services/Attendance
Speech–Language Pathologist
Special Education
Autism
Behavioral Disorders
Gifted
Hearing Impaired
Mentally Impaired–Mild–Moderate
Multi–Categorical (Learning Disabilities,
Behavior Disorders, Mentally Impaired)
Preschool–Special Needs
Severe Disabilities
Specific Learning Disabilities

Visually Impaired**Geographic Regions (Counties)**

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Brooke
Cabell
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
Hardy
Harrison
Jackson
Jefferson
Kanawha
Lewis
Lincoln
Logan
Marion
Marshall
Mason
McDowell
Mercer
Mineral
Mingo
Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas
Ohio
Pendleton
Pleasants
Pocahontas
Preston
Putnam
Raleigh
Randolph
Ritchie

Roane
 Summers
 Taylor
 Tucker
 Tyler
 Upshur
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wirt
 Wood
 Wyoming

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 Elementary Education
 Reading Specialist
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
 English
 Mathematics
 Social Studies
 High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Mathematics
 Chemistry
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/Physical Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Individual Endorsement Areas
 Career and Technical Education
 Counselor
 School Administrator
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist

Special Education
 Autism
 Behavioral Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Mentally Impaired–Mild–Moderate
 Multi–Categorical (Learning Disabilities,
 Behavior Disorders, Mentally Impaired)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
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 Boone
 Braxton
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 Cabell
 Calhoun
 Clay
 Doddridge
 Fayette
 Gilmer
 Grant
 Greenbrier
 Hampshire
 Hancock
 Hardy
 Harrison
 Jackson
 Jefferson
 Kanawha
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 Lincoln
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 McDowell
 Mercer
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 Monongalia
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Morgan
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 Wirt
 Wood
 Wyoming

2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 Elementary Education
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
 English
 General Science
 Mathematics
 Social Studies
 High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Mathematics
 Chemistry
 Driver Education
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/Physical Education

Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Pre-Kindergarten–Adult Areas
 English as a Second Language (ESL)
 Reading Specialist
 Individual Endorsement Areas
 Career and Technical Education
 Counselor
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist
 Special Education
 Autism
 Behavior Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Mentally Impaired–Mild–Moderate
 Multi-Categorical (Behavior Disorders,
 Learning Disabilities, Mentally Impaired)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
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 Braxton
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 Cabell
 Calhoun
 Clay
 Doddridge
 Fayette
 Gilmer
 Grant
 Greenbrier
 Hampshire
 Hancock
 Hardy
 Harrison

Jackson
 Jefferson
 Kanawha
 Lewis
 Lincoln
 Logan
 Marion
 Marshall
 Mason
 McDowell
 Mercer
 Mineral
 Mingo
 Monongalia
 Monroe
 Morgan
 Nicholas
 Ohio
 Pendleton
 Pleasants
 Pocahontas
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 Ritchie
 Roane
 Summers
 Taylor
 Tucker
 Tyler
 Upshur
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wirt
 Wood
 Wyoming

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 Elementary Education
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)

General Science
 Mathematics
 High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Mathematics
 Chemistry
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/Physical Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Pre-Kindergarten–Adult Areas
 English as a Second Language (ESL)
 Reading Specialist
 Individual Endorsement Areas
 Career and Technical Education
 Counselor
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist
 Special Education
 Autism
 Behavior Disorders
 Gifted
 Multi-Categorical (Behavior Disorders,
 Learning Disabilities, Mentally Impaired)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities
 Specific Learning Disabilities
 Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
 Berkeley
 Boone
 Braxton
 Brooke
 Cabell
 Calhoun

Clay
 Doddridge
 Fayette
 Gilmer
 Grant
 Greenbrier
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 Pendleton
 Pleasants
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 Summers
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 Tucker
 Tyler
 Upshur
 Wayne
 Webster
 Wetzel
 Wirt
 Wood

Wyoming

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Pre-K–Grade 6)
 Elementary Education
 Middle School Education (Grades 5–9)
 English
 General Science
 Mathematics
 High School Education (Grade 5–Adult)
 Arts
 Biological Sciences
 Business Education/Mathematics
 Chemistry
 English
 Family Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 General Science
 Health Education/Physical Education
 Language Arts
 Mathematics
 Physics
 Social Studies
 Pre-Kindergarten–Adult Areas
 English as a Second Language (ESL)
 Reading Specialist
 Individual Endorsement Areas
 Career and Technical Education
 Counselor
 School Librarian/Media
 School Nurse
 School Psychologist
 Social Services/Attendance
 Speech–Language Pathologist
 Special Education
 Autism
 Behavior Disorders
 Gifted
 Hearing Impaired
 Multi–Categorical (Behavior Disorders,
 Learning Disabilities, Mentally Impaired)
 Preschool–Special Needs
 Severe Disabilities

Specific Learning Disabilities
Visually Impaired

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Barbour
Berkeley
Boone
Braxton
Brooke
Cabell
Calhoun
Clay
Doddridge
Fayette
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier
Hampshire
Hancock
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Nicholas
Ohio
Pendleton
Pleasants
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Wood
Wyoming

WISCONSIN

1990–1991 and 1991–1992

Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Learning Disabilities

1992–1993 and 1993–1994

Special Education (K–Grade 12)
Emotionally Disturbed
Learning Disabled

1994–1995

Cognitive Disability
Early Childhood: Exceptional Ed. Needs
English as a Second Language/Bilingual
Emotional Disturbance
Learning Disability
Reading Teacher/Specialist
Speech Therapy

1995–1996 through 1999–2000

Cognitive Disability
Early Childhood: Exceptional Ed. Needs
Emotional Disturbance
English as a Second Language/Bilingual
Learning Disability
Reading Teacher/Specialist
Speech and Language Pathology

2000–2001 and 2001–2002

Bilingual
 Cognitive Disability
 Emotional Disturbance
 English as a Second Language
 Foreign Language
 Instructional Library Media
 Learning Disability
 Reading Teacher/Specialist
 Speech and Language Pathology
 Technical Education

2002–2003

Cognitive Disability
 Early Childhood: Exceptional Ed. Needs
 Emotional Disturbance
 English as a Second Language
 Foreign Language
 Instructional Library Media
 Learning Disability
 Reading Teacher/Specialist
 Speech and Language Pathology
 Technical Education

2003–2004

Special Education
 Cognitive Disabilities
 Cross Categorical
 Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Early Childhood–Special Education
 Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
 Learning Disabilities
 Speech and Language Disabilities
 Visual Disabilities
 Standard Areas
 English as a Second Language
 Sciences
 Library Media
 Mathematics
 Technology Education
 Foreign Languages

2004–2005 through 2016–2017Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technology Education
 Business Education
 Family and Consumer Education (FACE)
 Technology Education
 Special Education
 Cognitive Disabilities
 Cross Categorical
 Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Early Childhood–Special Education
 Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
 Learning Disabilities
 School Speech and Language Disabilities
 Visual Disabilities
 Standard Disciplines
 ESL/Bilingual Education
 Foreign Languages
 Library Media
 Mathematics
 Music
 Reading
 Sciences

2017–2018Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technology Education
 Agriculture
 Business Education
 Family and Consumer Education (FACE)
 Marketing Education
 Technology Education
 Special Education
 Cognitive Disabilities
 Cross Categorical
 Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Early Childhood–Special Education
 Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
 Learning Disabilities
 School Speech and Language Disabilities
 Visual Disabilities
 Standard Disciplines

ESL/Bilingual Education
 Foreign Languages
 Library Media
 Mathematics
 Music
 Reading
 Sciences

WYOMING

1990–1991 through 1994–1995

State declared no TSAs exist

1995–1996 through 1999–2000

No TSA proposal submitted

2000–2001 and 2001–2002

Counseling
 Foreign Language
 Language Arts
 Math
 Music/Art
 Pathologist
 Science
 Social Studies
 Special Education
 Speech

2002–2003 and 2003–2004

No TSA proposal submitted

2004–2005

Agriculture
 Alternative, Non–Traditional, At–Risk
 Program Teacher
 Art
 Business Education
 Chapter 1 Math
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Earth Science
 English
 English as a Second Language

French
 Health
 Home Economics
 Mathematics
 Middle School
 Music
 Music Instrumental
 Music Vocal
 Physical Education
 Physical Science
 Reading
 Remedial Reading
 Social Studies
 U.S. History
 World History
 Spanish
 Special Education
 Adaptive Physical Education
 General
 Hearing Impaired
 Learning Disabled
 Visually Impaired
 Speech Pathologists
 Welding

2005–2006

Biology
 Computer Science
 Earth Science
 English
 English as a Second Language
 Geography
 Health
 Industrial Arts/Technology Education
 Journalism
 Mathematics
 Music–Vocal
 Physics
 Reading
 Spanish
 Special Education
 Adaptive Physical Education
 General
 Learning Disabled
 Speech Pathologist
 World History

2006–2007

Adaptive Physical Education
 Computer Science
 Distributive Education
 Drama
 Early Childhood Education–K–Grade 3
 English as a Second Language
 German
 Journalism
 Physical Science
 Psychology
 Reading
 Reading Specialist/Remedial Reading
 Secondary Special Education
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Special Education
 Exceptional Generalist
 Science
 Speech
 Technical Education
 Trade and Industrial Education

2007–2008 through 2009–2010

Adaptive Physical Education
 Arts
 Early Childhood Education
 English
 ESL
 History
 Journalism
 Mathematics
 Middle Language Arts
 Music
 Reading
 Science
 Social Studies
 Spanish
 Special Education

2010–2011

Early Childhood Education
 English as a Second Language
 English/Middle Language Arts

History
 Library Media
 Mathematics
 Reading
 Science
 Earth Science
 Physical Science
 Spanish
 Special Education

2011–2012

Adaptive Physical Education
 English (Include Mid Lang. Arts)
 English as a Second Language
 Family and Consumer Science
 Foreign Language
 Mathematics
 Secondary Sciences
 Special Education

2012–2013

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Adaptive Physical Education (K–Grade 12)
 Art (K–Grade 12)
 At-Risk/Alternative Teachers Certification
 Area
 English (Grades 9–12)
 English as a Second Language (K–Grade 12)
 Family and Consumer Science (Grades 6–12)
 Geography (Grades 6–12)
 Health (Kindergarten–Grade 12)
 History (Grades 6–12)
 Language Arts (Grades 5–8)
 Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
 Physical Education (K–Grade 12)
 Reading (Kindergarten–Grade 12)
 Secondary Sciences (Grades 6–12)
 Spanish (Kindergarten–Grade 12)
 Special Education

2013–2014Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Adaptive Physical Education (K–Grade 12)
 At–Risk/Alternative Teachers Certification Area
 Elementary Grades (Core Subjects)
 English (Including Middle Language Arts)
 English as a Second Language
 Family and Consumer Science
 French
 Geography
 Health
 History
 Mathematics
 Physical Education
 Political Science
 Reading
 Secondary Sciences
 Spanish
 Special Education

2014–2015 and 2015–2016Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Adaptive Physical Education
 At–Risk/Alternative/Non–Traditional Teachers Certification Area
 Elementary Grades (Core Subjects)
 English (Including Middle Language Arts)
 English as a Second Language
 Family and Consumer Science
 Health
 Mathematics
 Physical Education
 Reading
 Secondary Sciences
 Spanish
 Special Education

2016–2017Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Grades (Core Subjects)
 English (Including Middle Language Arts)
 English Learner Education
 Family and Consumer Science
 Gifted and Talented
 Health
 Mathematics
 Music
 Secondary Sciences
 Spanish
 Special Education

2017–2018Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Grades (Core Subjects)
 English (Including Middle Language Arts)
 English Learner Education
 Family and Consumer Science
 Gifted and Talented
 Health
 Mathematics
 Music
 Secondary Sciences
 Spanish
 Special Education

AMERICAN SAMOA**1990–1991 through 2008–2009**

No TSA proposal submitted

2009–2010 through 2017–2018Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (K–Grade 8, All Areas)
 Secondary Education (Grades 9–12, All Areas)
 Special Education (All Levels, All Areas)

Geographic Areas

Aunu'u Island
Manu'a Islands
Tutuila Island

GUAM

1990–1991 through 2009–2010

No TSA proposal submitted

2010–2011 and 2011–2012

Guidance Counselors
Language Arts (Middle and High)
ESL
Reading Specialist
TESOL
Math (Middle and High)
Algebra
Calculus
Geometry
School Librarian (Elem./Middle/High)
Science (Middle and High)
Biology
Chemistry
Earth Science
Physical Science
Physics
Special Education (Pre-K–12)
Behavioral Disorders
Early Childhood
Hearing Impaired
Interrelated Program
Learning Disability
Moderately/Profoundly Challenged
Severe Emotional Disturbed
Speech/Language Pathologist
Visually Impaired
Other areas not listed

2012–2013 and 2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chamorro Language and Culture (Elementary and Secondary)
Language Arts (Secondary)
Mathematics (Secondary)
Physical Education (Secondary)
School Counselor (Elementary and Secondary)
School Librarian (Elementary and Secondary)
Science (Secondary)
Special Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Art (Secondary)
Career Education (Secondary)
Chamorro Language and Culture (Elementary and Secondary)
Computer Science (Secondary)
Elementary (K–Grade 5)
English as a Second Language (Elementary and Secondary)
Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE)
Head Start Program
Health/Physical Education (Secondary)
Language Arts (Secondary)
Mathematics (Secondary)
Music–Band (Secondary)
Non–Classroom (Curriculum Coordinator)
Non–Classroom (Consulting Resource Teacher)
Physical Education (Secondary)
Reading (Secondary)
School Guidance Counselor (Elementary and Secondary)
School Librarian (Elementary and Secondary)
Science (Secondary)
Social Studies (Secondary)
Special Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)

2015–2016Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chamorro Language and Culture (Elementary and Secondary)
 Language Arts (Includes English as a Second Language and Reading)
 Mathematics (Secondary)
 Physical Education (Secondary)
 School Counselor (Elementary and Secondary)
 School Librarian (Elementary and Secondary)
 Science (Secondary)
 Special Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)

2016–2017Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chamorro Language and Culture (Elementary and Secondary)
 Elementary Education (K–5th Grade)
 Language Arts (Includes English as a Second Language and Reading)
 Mathematics (Secondary)
 Physical Education (Secondary)
 School Counselor (Elementary and Secondary)
 School Librarian (Elementary and Secondary)
 Science (Secondary)
 Special Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)

2017–2018Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Chamorro Language and Culture (Elementary and Secondary)
 Elementary Education (K–5th Grade)
 Language Arts (Includes English as a Second Language and Reading)
 Mathematics (Secondary)
 Physical Education (Secondary)
 School Counselor (Elementary and Secondary)
 School Librarian (Elementary and Secondary)
 Science (Secondary)

Special Education (Pre-K–Grade 12)
 Other Electives (Elementary and Secondary)

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**1990–1991**

No TSA proposal submitted

1991–1992 through 1996–1997Geographic Areas

Rota Island
 Saipan Island
 Tinian Island

1997–1998Academic Disciplines

English
 Language Arts
 Lower and Upper Elementary Education
 Math
 Physical Education
 Special Education
 Vocational Education

Geographic Areas

Rota Island
 Saipan Island
 Tinian Island

1998–1999Academic Disciplines

English
 Lower and Upper Elementary Education
 Math
 Physical Education
 Reading Resource Specialist
 Science
 Special Education

Geographic Areas

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

1999–2000 through 2004–2005

No TSA proposal submitted

2005–2006 through 2007–2008

Academic Disciplines

Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Areas

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Academic Disciplines

Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Areas

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2010–2011 through 2013–2014

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)

Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Regions

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2014–2015

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Regions

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2015–2016

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 6–12)
Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
Science (Grades 6–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Regions

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2016–2017

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)

Language Arts (Grades 6–12)
Mathematics (Grades 6–12)
Science (Grades 6–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Regions

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Career and Technical Education (Grades 7–12)
Elementary Education (K–Grade 6)
Language Arts (Grades 7–12)
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Science (Grades 7–12)
Special Education (K–Grade 12)

Geographic Regions

Rota Island
Saipan Island
Tinian Island

PALAU

1990–1991 through 2004–2005

No TSA proposal submitted

2005–2006 and 2006–2007

Academic Disciplines

Elementary Education (Grades 1–8)
High School (Grades 9–12)
Special Education (Grades 1–12)

Geographic Areas

Koror Island
Babeldaob Island
Peleliu Island
Kayangel Island

Southwest Islands

2007–2008 through 2010–2011

Academic Disciplines

Elementary Education (Grades 1–8)
High School (Grades 9–12)
Special Education (Grades 1–12)

Geographic Areas

Angaur Island
Babeldaob Island
Kayangel Island
Koror Island
Peleliu Island
Southwest Islands

2011–2012 through 2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Elementary Education (Grades 1–8)
High School (Grades 9–12)
Special Education (Grades 1–12)

Geographic Regions

Angaur Island
Babeldaob Island
Hatohebei Island
Kayangel Island
Koror Island
Peleliu Island
Sonsorol Island

PUERTO RICO

1990–1991 through 1992–1993

No TSAs approved

1993–1994 through 2012–2013

No TSA proposal submitted

2013–2014Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject

Chemistry
 Dance–Movement and Corporal Expression
 Elementary English
 Environmental and Terrestrial Sciences
 Mathematics
 Music
 Physics
 Secondary English
 Special Education
 Theatre

2014–2015

Chemistry
 Earth and Environmental Sciences
 Elementary English
 Physics
 Secondary English and Mathematics
 Special Education

2015–2016 and 2016–2017

Biology
 Chemistry
 Earth and Environmental Sciences
 Elementary English
 Physics
 Secondary English and Mathematics
 Special Education

2017–2018

Biology (Grades 10–12)
 Chemistry (Grades 10–12)
 Earth and Environmental Sciences (Grades 10–12)
 Elementary English (K–Grade 6)
 Secondary English (Grades 7–9 and 10–12)
 Special Education (K–Grade 12)
 Visual Impairment
 Autism
 Deaf
 Early Childhood

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**1990–1991**

No TSAs approved

1991–1992 through 2003–2004

No TSA proposal submitted

2004–2005

Bilingual/English as a Second Language
 Computer Science
 Elementary Education
 English
 Foreign Languages
 Librarians
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Music
 School Nurse
 School Psychologists
 Science
 Special Education
 Therapists (OT, PT, ST)

2005–2006

Bilingual/English as a Second Language
 Computer Science
 Elementary Education
 English
 Foreign Languages
 Librarians
 Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
 Music
 School Nurse
 Science
 Social Studies
 Special Education
 Therapists (OT, PT, ST)

2006–2007 and 2007–2008

Bilingual/English as a Second Language
 Computer Science
 Elementary Education
 English

Foreign Languages
Librarians
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Music
Physical Education
School Nurse
Science
Social Studies
Special Education
Therapists (OT, PT, ST)

2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Bilingual/English as a Second Language
Elementary Education
English
Foreign Languages
Librarians
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Music
Physical Education
School Nurse
Science
Social Studies
Special Education
Therapists (OT, PT, ST)

2010–2011 through 2017–2018

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Art
Bilingual/English as a Second Language
Elementary Education
English
Foreign Languages
Mathematics (Grades 7–12)
Music
Physical Education
Reading
School Nurse
Science
Social Studies
Special Education
Therapists
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy

Speech Therapy

**Department of Defense Education Activities
(DoDEA)**

1990–1991 through 2017–2018

No TSA proposal submitted

Ohio House of Representatives



MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representatives Dick Stein and Wes Retherford

Date: April 2nd, 2018

Re: Co-sponsor Request: Alternative Pedagogic Certification

Over the last several years, the Ohio General Assembly has enacted a number of bills to allow alternative pathways to teacher licensure. The intent of these measures has been to align schooling with in-demand jobs fields, particularly math and science. However, there are many subjects in school and according to the annual US Dept. of Education *Teacher Shortage Report*, Ohio has been experiencing shortages beyond STEM studies since the mid-90s. We will be introducing legislation to broaden the traditional pathway to the resident educator license, recognizing non-profit development programs to fulfill the pedagogy requirement.

Within Ohio's tiered teacher licensure system, the base resident educator license requires applicants to possess a Bachelor of Science in Education and pass a state examination. Upon completion of a subsequent 4-year resident educator program a licensee is eligible for a professional educator license and the track to tenure. Past legislation has created several pathways that allow certain teachers to skip part or all of the resident educator program to allow easier than normal paths to a professional license—STEM license and Teach for America program (RC 3319.28 & 3319.227).

Our bill does not create a new pathway. But rather recognizes successful non-profit teacher development and training programs to fulfill the BS in Education requirement for licensure. Individuals who possess any bachelor's degree, who complete the subject specific pedagogy program, and who pass the standard state examination shall be eligible for a resident educator license. Eligible programs must be administered by non-profits who 1) operate teacher development courses in 5 states, and 2) have operated alternative teacher certification courses for over 10 years.

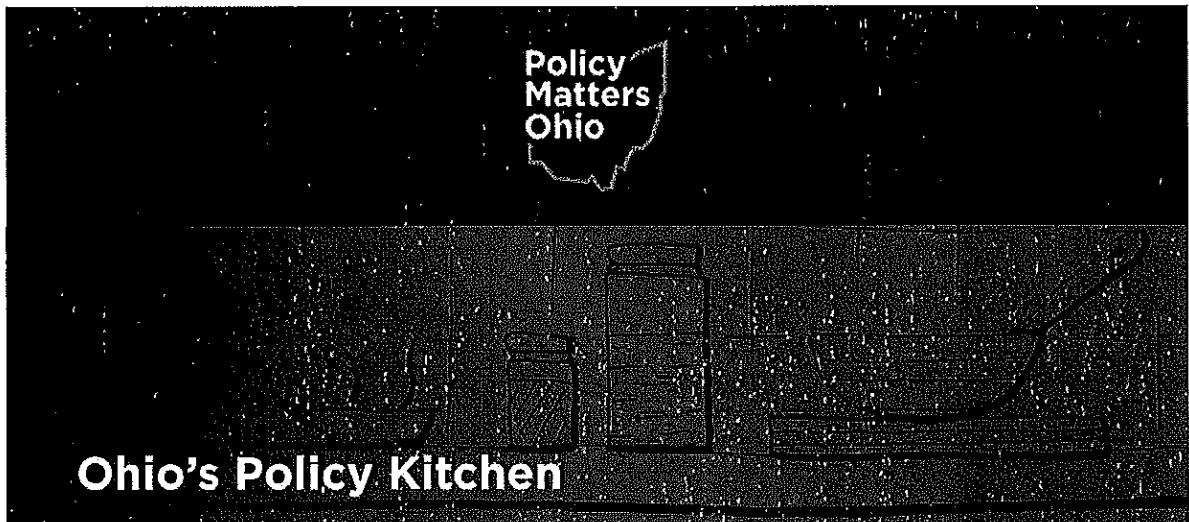
Opponents will argue that the quality of such a program will not meet the standards of traditional licensees. This bill is similar to RC 3319.26 adopted in the budget, which directs the State Superintendent and Chancellor of Higher Education to create an online summer development program. Our bill recognizes existing programs with a track record of success rather than putting that burden solely on the state. They will also argue that there is no teacher shortage in Ohio. In the aggregate this may be true, however regional teacher supply does not fill demand. In fact, the National Education Association provides a long list of Ohio specific policy recommendations to increase the availability of teachers.

The goal of this legislation is to create a framework to allow existing programs to certify a college educated person's pedagogic knowledge, absent an education degree, and to allow operating nonprofits to innovate teacher development models. We ask that you consider joining us in co-sponsoring this effort. If you would like to add your name as a co-sponsor please contact Matthew Noonan (Matthew.Noonan@ohiohouse.gov) or Nick Stallard (Nicholas.Stallard@ohiohouse.gov) no later than **Monday April 9th at 4pm.**

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Embracing Dr. King's "revolution of values"



Today, Americans mark and mourn the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination by a racist white man. But we should also remember what King said 51 years ago, a year to the day before his death. In New York's historic Riverside Church, King called for a "radical revolution of values" that would "remove those conditions of poverty, insecurity, and injustice." King made explicit the connections between civil rights and economic equity.

In our small way, at Policy Matters, we're trying to honor Dr. King's legacy by insisting on policies that recognize the dignity of all people. We hope he'd approve of the fights we've taken on this year:

- President Trump has drastically cut taxes to benefit the wealthiest few. He has now proposed a budget that slashes funding for programs that build opportunity for all Americans. We're shining a light on how cuts to Medicaid, food aid, college assistance, public

education and more will harm Ohioans across congressional districts.

- GOP lawmakers here in Ohio are pushing so-called “right to work” laws that would weaken labor unions — the single most effective tool in protecting workers’ rights, ensuring decent wages and shrinking workplace barriers for people of color and women. (Dr. King recognized the power in a union: when he was assassinated, he was in Memphis to support a union of black sanitation workers on strike to protest dangerous working conditions.)
- We’ve outlined 10 policies that will help Ohio’s working people get ahead, like overtime protection, raising the minimum wage and paid family leave.
- With the Trump administration’s blessing, state policymakers are looking to cut Medicaid by erecting new barriers that make it harder for low-income Ohioans to access health care. We’re working with partners to beat back these attacks.

Dr. King saw clearly that the American economy is upside down, with the powerful few hoarding resources at the top. In his Riverside Church speech, King predicted a “true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth.” In the half-century since, that contrast has grown even more glaring, the revolution of values even more urgent. We should all do our best to rise to the occasion.

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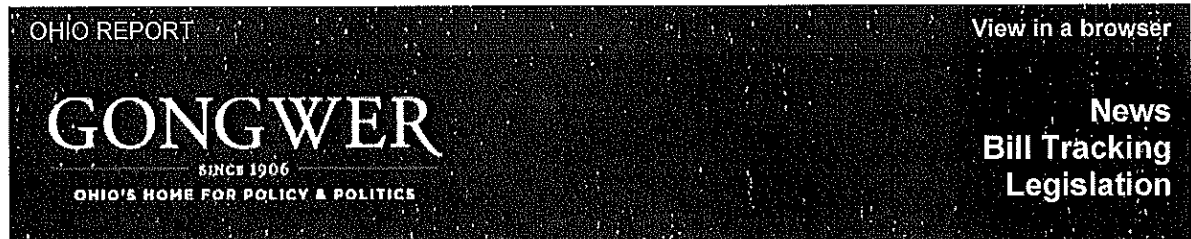


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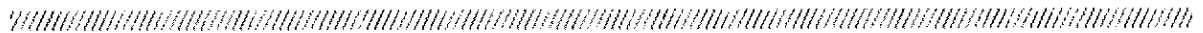
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## **Daily Activity Planner for Saturday, April 21- Monday, April 23**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

#### **Monday, April 23**

Controlling Board, North Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.  
Human Trafficking Commission, 18th Fl., 150 E. Gay St., Columbus, 2 p.m.

### **Event Planner**

#### **Saturday, April 21**

YMCA Youth & Government High School State Assembly 2, Statehouse,  
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## **Energy Standards Bill Timeline Unclear As Another Wind Setback Proposal Is Introduced**

Senate President Larry Obhof this week referred to ongoing talks over the state's energy standards and wind turbine setback revisions as "a long-term project."

The remark lends further uncertainty to the timeline in which Senate Republicans hope to roll out a substitute bill on a measure (HB 114) that in its current form waters down the state's renewable and energy efficiency benchmarks.

Earlier this month, Sen. Obhof had predicted a sub bill could be ready "in the next few weeks." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 6, 2018)

But asked this week about the Senate's priorities in the coming weeks, Sen. Obhof (R-Medina) said: "We've talked a number of times about energy, and particularly 114 probably now is a long-term project."

Sen. Obhof had previously labeled the measure a priority for the first part of the year but the timeline has been pushed back at every juncture as lawmakers grappled with a congressional redistricting ballot issue (SJR 5), the capital budget (HB 529) and other pressing proposals.

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) and Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) are spearheading talks on that sub bill but have said the timeline and the extent of the changes to the legislation remain unclear. The caucus has yet to reach a consensus on the plan the senators presented behind closed doors last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 23, 2018)

Changes to loosen the state's setbacks for wind turbines are expected to be a component of the sub bill and advocates have continued pressing lawmakers in recent weeks to walk back restrictions put in place in a 2014. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 12, 2018)

Rep. Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) on Tuesday introduced his own standalone measure to reduce setbacks (HB 604). His plan joins several other legislative efforts to accomplish that feat, including proposals from Sen. Matt Dolan (SB 238) and Sen. Michael Skindell (SB 184).

The minority leader's proposal would require turbines to be no closer than 1,125 feet from the tip of a turbine to the exterior of the nearest habitable residential structure. Current law, in contrast, measures the distance from the structure's property line.

The measure would also make permanent tax exemptions for tangible personal property of a qualified energy project using renewable energy resources under certain conditions.

Trish Demeter, the Ohio Environmental Council's vice president of energy policy, welcomed the latest attempt.

"I applaud Leader Fred Strahorn for proposing HB604 - a bill which if passed, would pave the way for full scale wind development in Ohio," Ms. Demeter said.

"For too long, Ohioans have missed out on trends towards wind energy due to unnecessarily large setbacks from property lines. Fixing the wind setback issue is critical for further development of wind energy across the state, and bringing Ohio up to speed in the growing clean energy economy."

### **State Unemployment Drops To Lowest Level In More Than 16 Years**

Ohio's unemployment rate dropped a notch to 4.4% in March, maintaining a positive trend of recent months and reflecting the best report since August 2001, according to the Department of Job and Family Services.

The March rate was a drop from 4.5% in February 2018, the agency reported. Total employment increased 10,800 over the month to 5,579,200, and the number of unemployed was down 9,000 to 253,000.

The unemployment total has dropped by 40,000 since March 2017, when the rate was 5.1%, and the state has seen an increase of 54,400 jobs during that period, according to state data compiled in conjunction with the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Another strong jobs report out today," Gov. John Kasich stated on his Twitter account. His statement was accompanied by a GIF of actor Chuck Norris giving a thumbs-up.

"Since 2011, Ohioans have created 501,000 new private sector jobs, and unemployment is the best it's been since 2001," Mr. Kasich said. "We've come a long way since 2010. Let's keep it going, Ohio!"

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said the number of new private jobs reflected an important milestone for the state. The positive news shows the GOP-run legislature's policies are working, he said.

"We work diligently to not only create an environment of possibilities for Ohio's job creators but also to ensure Ohioans from all backgrounds are prepared to take advantage of those opportunities," Sen. Obhof said in a release.

"We've done this through creating a jobs-friendly business environment, developing a jobs-ready workforce and empowering Ohio's small businesses, the backbone of our economy. While this is an important milestone that shows Ohio's policies are working, we have much more to do, and we will continue to build on this progress."

Despite the recent gains, Ohio still lags the nation, as the U.S. unemployment rate for March was 4.1%. That figure was unchanged from February and down from 4.5% in March 2017.

During a month when most sectors saw job gains, the best performers were the private service-providing sector, which added 5,700 positions, as well as trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,400). ODJFS noted the most significant losses in information (-700) and other services (-500).

Agency spokesman Bret Crow said eight industries or sub-sectors experienced record-high employment levels. They are: transportation, warehousing and utilities; finance and insurance; educational and health services; educational services; health care and social assistance; leisure and hospitality; accommodation and food services; and state government.

The March gains in the construction industry, which was up 1,200 jobs, represented the third consecutive month of steady job growth in the sector, which has gained 5,700 jobs over the last year, Mr. Crow said.

In addition, the state versus federal comparison on job growth favored Ohio, as the state added jobs at a rate that was more than double the national rate, or 0.19% versus 0.07%, he said. And the average weekly earnings for Ohioans is up \$3.14 compared to last month and \$28.45 compared to last year, both outperforming the national rate.

"It's an across-the-board positive report with lower unemployment and new job growth that doubled the nation's," Mr. Crow said.

Andrew J. Kidd, senior economist with the Economic Research Center at The Buckeye Institute, said the latest jobs report shows "Ohio's job market is allowing individuals who desire jobs to get jobs."

"However, Ohio has yet to reach the national unemployment rate of 4.1%, he added. "This, as well as a labor force participation rate lower than the national average, shows that Ohio still has work to do. The right reforms, such as closing tax loopholes and removing unnecessary barriers to employment through occupational licensing, would create opportunities for sustained job growth."

"Ohio in 2018 has experienced positive job growth. Yet, another month of an unchanged labor force participation rate once again implies that some individuals are still not searching for jobs," Mr. Kidd added.

Hannah Halbert, researcher with Policy Matters Ohio, said the state has gained more jobs in the first three months of 2018 than in all of 2017.

"While labor force participation suggests there is still room for improvement, Ohio's labor market is finally tightening," she said. "Even so, many jobs pay too little and offer too-few hours, making it nearly impossible to afford basics like food and health care without

public support. Raising the minimum wage, restoring the 40-hour work week, and supporting paid leave would make the most of this tighter labor market and help rebuild a path to the middle class."

Ms. Halbert said Ohio continues to underperform the nation's 12-month rate for job growth and has "vastly underperformed" the rest of the U.S. since the 2005 tax overhaul was enacted.

"Ohio is not out of the woods. A bad month or two could erase this streak and more months of solid growth are needed to take up the remaining slack in our labor market," she said.

### **Senator Backing Medical Marijuana Audit Bill Supports Review By Commerce Department**

A senator who sponsored legislation to require an audit of the medical marijuana licensing process said he's supportive of efforts by the Department of Commerce to perform its own review.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) introduced a proposal (SB 264) in February to require a state auditor investigation of DOC's awarding of provisional licenses for medical marijuana growers, including a set timeframe for the review and the awarding of certificates of operation.

It was intended to remove any clouds of suspicion or impropriety from the licensing process, the sponsor said. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 22, 2018)

That measure had its first hearing this week in the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 17, 2018)

Since February, DOC and other agencies involved in the medical marijuana program have worked to tamp down expectations for the initiative's Sept. 8 go-live date, saying it's unlikely all license recipients will be operational by then. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 5, 2018)

The agency worked with an attorney general-appointed special counsel to hire a third-party auditor to review the scoring and find possible improvements. The department reported Friday that Ernst & Young was retained for the work, which does not have a set deadline for completion but is expected to take "a matter of weeks" to finish.

Sen. Coley complimented the department on that effort and said the goal of his legislation is simply to ensure the state has a fair process.

"You could easily argue that they're already doing those things," he said in an interview. "I want to make sure it gets done and it gets followed through."



He encouraged the department to work with the auditor's office to ensure the process is thoroughly reviewed.

"I support Commerce going through and looking at the whole thing, re-scoring if necessary and awarding additional licenses if warranted," he said. "I think that's all a good thing and it would be for the benefit of all patients and the state of Ohio."

Sen. Coley said he's confident the department will correct any issues.

"I think they realize that some mistakes were made and they want to correct them," he said.

DOC will go before the Controlling Board Monday to request more than \$5 million for staffing, legal costs and other expenses for the medical marijuana program. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 16, 2018)

### **High Court To Hear Traffic Camera Case**

The battle over automated traffic cameras will continue next week with the latest front being the Ohio Supreme Court.

The city of Toledo and the state are at odds over a previous budget (HB64, 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly) provision that allows the state to reduce Local Government Fund distributions for non-compliance with traffic camera restrictions (SB342, 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly), some of which were struck down by the high court. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 26, 2017)

Ten days prior to the traffic camera restrictions becoming law, the city asked for and received an injunction from the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, the high court reported.

Lawmakers then passed the biennial budget containing the LGF reduction provisions. The city again asked for and received an injunction from the trial court, which found the state would be in contempt if it withheld funding from cities based on non-compliance with a law found to be unconstitutional.

The Sixth District Court of Appeals upheld the ruling, leading to the state appeal to the high court, where it argues the budget provision is a reporting requirement and a formula for discretionary spending. (Docket)

"Toledo has no 'home rule' right to receive money from the General Assembly," the state writes in a brief. "It is not 'losing' money that it has, but rather choosing to give up money in order to run its traffic-camera program as it sees fit."

The state also contends that the city should have been required to file a separate lawsuit in the matter and that the injunction is a violation of separation of powers.

"The Sixth District's holding invades the legislative power and exceeds the judicial power because courts do not have roving license to enjoin legislation," the state argues. "Courts must instead draw the power to block legislation from specific constitutional prohibitions."

The city, however, claims that lawmakers are seeking to coerce compliance with unconstitutional laws.

It also argues that the state is the guilty party when it comes to the violation of separation of powers.

"If the General Assembly could simply ignore the judicial branch any time legislation is struck by withholding funds to those entities that do not comply with the unconstitutional legislative acts, then there is no separation of powers because the legislature would reign supreme," the city writes in its brief.

"This type of legislation is not a 'new' law that merits a separate lawsuit and separate constitutional analysis, but moreover an affront to the authority of the judiciary. The Penalty Provisions try to avoid judicial control by reenacting unconstitutional laws."

The case is slated for oral arguments as another measure (HB 410) authored by the primary sponsor of the 2014 law works its way through the General Assembly.

Rep. Bill Seitz's (R-Cincinnati) legislation would eliminate the use of administrative hearings when a civil citation is issued for a traffic violation recorded by a photo-monitoring device and require local governments that use traffic-monitoring devices to annually file a report with the tax commissioner detailing how much revenue is generated from their use which will then be subtracted from the LGF distribution.

The court will hear three other cases next week:

- In *State v. Dunson*, a Montgomery County man convicted of murder and aggravated robbery will ask the justices to set aside \$6,199 in court costs.
- The court in *East Manufacturing v. Testa* will determine if a Portage County company is eligible for a use tax exemption for the purchase of natural gas it uses to heat six buildings where aluminum truck trailers are constructed.
- A bank will argue that despite federal rules requiring a face-to-face meeting with a borrower after three missed mortgage payments prior to proceeding with a foreclosure it should be allowed to move forward because the meeting occurred during court-ordered mediation after the second attempt to foreclose in the case of *Wells Fargo Bank v. Burd*.

**Candidates Stress Experience In House District 26 Primary**

A Columbus City School Board member and a law clerk with a background in youth advocacy each say their breadth of experience make them the ideal candidates for the 26<sup>th</sup> House District.

The Democrat-leaning district is currently represented by Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus), whose bid for the Senate is opening the path for a new face. Michael Cole, 45, and Erica Crawley, 37, are both working to secure the Democratic nomination, after which the victor will likely face Republican Shareeque Sadiq in November.

Mr. Cole said he has a track record of "having gotten things done in the most tough circumstances" thanks to his two terms on the school board.

"It's one thing when the whole deck's lined up for you and you're accomplishing some things of the work and will of people," he said. "It's another to have every kind of almost insurmountable obstacle against you whether it's state, federal, local discontent for something and still move the needle of achievement."

Ms. Crawley, while touting her own experience, credits her desire to enter public office to her great aunt who in 2007, shortly before her death, asked her during a conversation on political leaders, "Why not you?"

"She was never elected, never interested in politics per se, but she gave her time," Ms. Crawley said. "She spent a lot of time with the church, with homeless families. She never met an enemy. People loved my aunt and she loved people. I would hope she would be proud of me if I could be half the woman she was and make the impact she made."

Mr. Cole is originally from Cleveland but first came to Columbus as a student at Ohio State University. "This city kind of had me at hello," he said.

He picked up a master's degree in communication at Seton Hall University and then chose to return to Columbus where he sought out service opportunities including a five-year stint as area commissioner in Westgate.

"The opportunity and potential that this city offers I think is tremendous," Mr. Cole said. "I think it was almost a spiritual calling to end up in this city."

He said he worked on neighborhood safety and beautification issues, before segueing into politics and hosting a public affairs radio show. He was first elected to the school board in 2013 and reelected last year. He's currently vice president of the board, which is dominated by Democrats.

"I came with the mindset of working to ensure and strengthen accountability, curriculum, transparency and safety in the district," Mr. Cole said. "I'm committed to bringing that same mindset to the Statehouse."

Even though it contains solely Democrats, he said, the school board has taught him valuable lessons.

"Even if everyone's on the same page from the politics standpoint everyone brings different points of view, skills, knowledge and attitude," Mr. Cole said. "Working among a body politic making decisions and brokering decisions...on matters that effect people is something I've tremendously learned from this experience."

Ms. Crawley is also a transplant, hailing originally from Youngstown. She spent 2000-2003 serving in the United States Navy in Virginia. After giving birth to twin girls - Hope and Faith, who are now 13 - she moved to Cleveland where she finished her college degree in criminology with a focus on juvenile delinquency.

Next was a stint in Atlanta where she received her masters and had an array of jobs centered on supporting youth including work for the Black Child Development Institute and the Court Appointed Special Advocate program.

She returned to Columbus where she attended Capital University Law School, graduating in 2017 with a concentration in civil litigation. Following that, she clerked for Honda North America and since 2016 has clerked for Eastman and Smith's Columbus office.

Both candidates list education as a central plank of their platforms. For Ms. Crawley that means ensuring equal access to quality education.

"I am an advocate for universal Pre-K," she said. "But also making sure all of our children have the same opportunities. Addressing school funding and school resources definitely plays a part."

She said she also wants to expand trade school options for young students and to focus on economic development.

"Especially in the 26<sup>th</sup> District there is disinvestment and underinvestment in that community," she said. "I would love to focus on micro-business and small businesses and making sure my neighbors have access to those resources."

She added she'd press for equal access in other areas, such as healthcare, including addiction and mental health support services.

"With that, making sure our aging population has the services they need," Ms. Crawley added. "There are a lot of grandparents taking care of their grandchildren and they don't have the resources necessary to do that effectively."

On the education front, Mr. Cole said he wants to restore consistency, including possibly by requiring five-year curriculum plans. He likened his experience on the board to being Harry Houdini locked in a box with the key inside as he's thrown over Niagara Falls.

"I find out a lot of what confines public schools period...is they are all boxed in by state laws that don't take consideration to how certain things affect us," he said. "From funding to property taxes to education and curriculum and how important it is to make sure it's steady, consistent."

In other areas, Mr. Cole said he wants to alleviate property tax burdens and create more opportunities for mixed income housing.

"I think there are any number of ways we can look at funding public education that doesn't solely fall on the backs of property owners, particularly in poor communities," he said. "I think we can do some income tax sharing. ... I think there are some win-wins. We just have to turn over some stones."

Ms. Crawley said she's the candidate voters should turn to if they seek experience thanks to a career and life experience span the spectrum from nonprofit to for-profit, military and civilian.

"I've had a commitment to being of service to others," she said. "If you look at my career either professionally or in volunteerism...I have always had a commitment to making a difference in the communities in which I lived and making a difference especially for individuals who come from poverty or low-income families."

Mr. Cole and his wife Lee have three children, ages 21, 15 and 14. He is a substitute social studies teacher who enjoys motorcycles and muscle cars.

In addition to spending time with her daughters, Ms. Crawley said she collects books, particularly of the professional development variety or autobiographies.

**Subscribers Note:** *This story is part of a series focusing on key primary races for Ohio legislative seats. See Gongwer's Election Page for more information on 2018 contests, including our Key Races.*

## **OPA: Pharmacists Can Serve As Educators In Opioid Struggle**

From asking customers to question potentially counterfeit pills to teaching them how to dissolve old medication in cat litter or coffee grounds, Ohio's pharmacists have a key role in fighting the state's opioid epidemic.

That was the message from officials with the Ohio Pharmacists Association to the nearly 1,000 pharmacists and students who attended the group's 140<sup>th</sup> annual conference and trade show Friday at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Ernie Boyd, executive director of the OPA, said pharmacists and the public need to "keep the pressure on" to get patients to request other medications and medical professionals to write fewer prescriptions for opioids.

Mr. Boyd said over-the-counter drugs can be a fine alternative to prescription opiates. He said he thinks it was a "major mistake" to allow ibuprofen and other anti-inflammatory or pain-relief medication to be sold without a prescription.

"In the public's mind, (ibuprofen) is as innocuous as cheese or rutabaga because it's sold next to those products," he said. "I think that's insane. These are very potent drugs."

The public tends to believe prescription drugs inherently are more effective and over-the-counter drugs safer, Mr. Boyd said, adding that's not always the case.

The convention included a demonstration of multiple ways people can dispose of old or unneeded medication, from using specialty kits to mixing it with water and coffee grounds or cat litter to make it unpalatable to animals and children. Mr. Boyd said pharmacists can explain the importance and methods of disposal and serve on local drug task forces to assist in the opiate fight.

The group also advised pharmacists to explain the importance of avoiding medication from potentially dubious sources, whether it be an acquaintance or an online retailer.

"The large majority of internet sites are (fraudulent)," Mr. Boyd said. "Ninety-eight percent of the online pharmacies are not pharmacies at all. They're fake."

He said counterfeit pills may look virtually indistinguishable from pills produced by the actual manufacturer and could include powerful opioids such as fentanyl and carfentanil. The consequences of consuming the bootleg drugs range from addiction to death.

Dr. Michael Ybarra, deputy vice president of advocacy and strategic alliances at PhRMA, said the public needs to get medicine from a trustworthy source. He said buying from "rogue online pharmacies" can be a dangerous move.

"The safest thing to do is to buy at a pharmacy," he said. "The U.S. distribution system is totally closed (with) FDA inspected facilities."

Mr. Boyd said there are some legitimate online pharmacy sites, which typically feature the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites logo and have a pharmacy domain names.

The most important advice for members of the public, Mr. Boyd said, might simply be to stop using medication that was not prescribed to them.

"You just don't share any of the stuff, period," he said."

**Medical Pot Program Halt Rejected; Complaint Against DeWine Dismissed; No New Trial For Beck; Buckeye Institute Weighs In On Case...**

A Franklin County judge on Friday declined to put the state's medical marijuana program on hold.

Instead, Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Frye will consider the matter again at a May 11 hearing.

"We're pleased that there's been a decision not to pause the program," said Thomas Rosenberger, a spokesman for the National Cannabis Industry Association of Ohio.

The Friday hearing was a result of a lawsuit filed by Ohio Releaf LLC, which was denied a cultivator's license and subsequently sued the Department of Commerce for what it alleges is a failure to comply with public record laws and to hold a timely administrative appeal hearing.

DOC has hired an independent auditor to review its processes. (*See separate story*)

**Dismissed Complaint:** A three-judge panel has dismissed one of four counts of allegedly violating canons of the Ohio Judicial Code of Conduct filed against Ohio Supreme Court Justice Patrick DeWine.

The count alleges that Justice DeWine asked Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters, who had 48 cases pending before the court at the time the complaint was filed, to hire his son for an internship.

The remaining allegations involve Justice DeWine's father, Attorney General Mike DeWine. The complaint alleges Justice DeWine improperly failed to recuse himself from cases in which AG DeWine is named as a party and that he appears on his father's gubernatorial campaign web site.

Justice DeWine has denied all of the alleged charges.

**New Trial:** The nation's highest court has declined to order a new trial for a former state lawmaker.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to grant the request of former Rep. Peter Beck for a new trial. The decision was issued without comment.

Mr. Beck in 2015 was found guilty of 13 charges and sentenced to serve four years in prison. However, a state appellate court in 2016 overturned 10 charges and Mr. Beck served just 16 months in prison.

**Amicus Brief:** The Buckeye Institute has filed an amicus brief with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals asking it to strike down a Tennessee law it says discriminates against outdoor advertisements and signs with ideological messages.

The group said the law, which is designed to be in compliance with the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, is a violation of the First Amendment.

"While we all enjoy a scenic drive and beautiful roadways, the First Amendment is even more precious to Americans and its protections must not be violated in the name of highway beautification," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement. "Restricting the placement of outdoor advertisements solely based on the sign's message is a clear infringement of free speech and must be overturned."

**Crew Dispute:** Major League Soccer and the Precourt Sport Ventures, owner of the Columbus Crew, have asked the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to dismiss a lawsuit designed to prevent the team from moving to Texas.

In a motion to dismiss, the groups call the Art Modell law "blatantly unconstitutional."

"The statute violates the dormant Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution because it both discriminates against out-of-state residents and impermissibly interferes with the defendants' abilities to conduct their business in interstate commerce," the filing reads.

The law requires the owner of an Ohio professional sports team that plans to cease playing most of its home games in the state to provide six months' notice in order to give others an opportunity to purchase the franchise.

**Disciplinary Cases:** The Board of Professional Conduct on Friday announced that it has filed 10 disciplinary case reports with the high court.

### **Issue 1 Backers Tout Endorsements; Cordray Takes Credit For Wells Fargo Fine; Yuko Calls For Action On Guns...**

The bipartisan Coalition for Redistricting Reform, the group backing Issue 1, on Friday announced a slew of endorsements for the ballot measure.

The endorsements include the Ohio AFL-CIO, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Council of Churches, the Ohio Education Association, the Ohio Environmental Council, the Ohio Farm Bureau and the NAACP Ohio Chapter.

Campaign advisor Keary McCarthy in a statement said the endorsements "truly signal the bipartisan nature of fixing the way we draw our congressional districts in Ohio."

"Our state lawmakers stepped up to make this bipartisan fix to a very partisan problem a reality, and I'm thrilled to see these powerful groups across Ohio come aboard," he added.

**Wells Fargo:** Richard Cordray on Friday weighed in on the news that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fined Wells Fargo \$1 billion.



The bureau's former director in a statement sought to downplay the role that acting Director Mick Mulvaney played in issuing the fine.

"Mulvaney has brought no new enforcement actions since he has been at the CFPB," he said. "Investigations that take many months or even years, and that are just now being finalized, are due to the aggressive work my team did to bring predatory behavior to light. To suggest this is the work of Mulvaney, who has done nothing but throw sticks in the spokes of a talented, hard-working CFPB team of devoted public servants is preposterous."

**Gun Legislation:** Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts.) used the anniversary of the Columbine school shooting to call for legislation to reduce gun violence.

Sen. Yuko in a statement commended students who on Friday walked out of school to mark the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school shooting.

"Our young people have sent us a clear message: we need to act now to protect them. The Senate Democratic Caucus has introduced numerous common-sense proposals to address gun violence and help keep our kids safe. Many of these bills have yet to receive a hearing," he said.

"As a leader in the Ohio Senate, I know we have to do more to stop violence in our schools. Schools should be places where children worry about upcoming math tests, and not about active shooters."

**Gun Rally:** Three gun rights groups on Saturday will hold a "Patriot Day Rally" at the Statehouse.

The 11 a.m. event hosted by Ohioans for Concealed Carry, Ohio Carry and the Buckeye Firearms Association will feature historical information on the role of private gun ownership in the country's founding and immigrants who will talk about their experiences before and after coming to America, according to a release.

**NFIB Endorsement:** Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford), a speaker hopeful, has the backing of National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio in his reelection bid, the group announced Friday.

Roger Geiger in a statement said Rep. Householder "understands the issues important to Ohio entrepreneurs as demonstrated by his strong voting record with NFIB."

### **Sheehy Calls For Further Action On Ag Runoff; OEC Proposes Toxic Chemical Protections**

Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) criticized state leaders this week after a recent report showed more work is needed to curb the runoff of phosphorus and other nutrients into Ohio's waterways.

His remarks were centered on the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Nutrient Mass Balance Study. The report found "no clear decrease" in nutrient loading, especially from nonpoint sources like agricultural runoff. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 17, 2018)

Rep. Sheehy in a statement singled out farmers for their role in contributing to runoff that can fuel harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie.

"This new report shows that despite years of deceptive talking points from powerful industry representatives in Columbus, we know where all this excess phosphorus pollution has been coming from," Rep. Sheehy said.

"It's not complicated: if you are causing nearly 90% of a problem, you should participate in searching for a solution," he continued. "Instead, their lobbyists have prioritized fighting against policy solutions and even shifting the blame to urban centers that suffer the worst of these consequences."

The Ohio Farm Bureau previously said the report shows that agriculture must play a role in improving water quality. But a spokesman said new regulations aren't needed in the group's view.

**Chemicals:** The Ohio Environmental Council is requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency crack down on toxic chemicals.

The request comes in the form of a petition for rulemaking filed by the council seeking new protections against carcinogen perfluorooctanoic acid and other substances that can be pumped into water and air by manufacturers.

"These companies need to stop emitting these chemicals before extensively studying them, and our proposed rules would stop this dangerous practice," said Chris Tavenor, an OEC law fellow.

Copies of the request were also submitted to President Donald Trump, Gov. John Kasich, Ohio EPA Director Craig Butler, Attorney General Mike DeWine and members of Ohio's congressional delegation.

### **Ohio Lands \$26 Million In Federal Opioid Funding; Senators Applaud Disaster Request Approval...**

For the second consecutive year, Ohio is poised to receive a \$26 million funding infusion to buoy efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

The funding announced this week comes from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act passed in 2016. It's part of \$485 million in grants to be divvied up among states this year. Ohio received a similar amount of dollars under the program last year during the first round of funding. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 20, 2017)

"This is good news for Ohio, and these new funds will help our efforts to combat the heroin and prescription drug epidemic gripping our state," U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) said in a statement. "This is another positive step forward, but we must do more, and that's why I continue to push for common-sense solutions like the STOP Act and CARA 2.0 that will help us turn the tide of addiction in Ohio and around the country."

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) likewise applauded word of the additional funding.

"For too long, Ohio communities have been desperate for the federal government to step up and provide the necessary resources to effectively combat the opioid epidemic," Sen. Brown said. "While we know there is more work to be done, this funding is a meaningful step forward for Ohio. It's important that the state work to get this funding out to local communities quickly as they continue to battle this epidemic."

The dollars are aimed at boosting evidence-based programs and are overseen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Emergency:** Sens. Brown and Portman also welcomed President Donald Trump's approval of Gov. John Kasich's request for disaster assistance following largescale flooding in February. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 17, 2018)

Sen. Brown said the declaration "will go a long way in helping reassure Ohio communities impacted by last month's devastating floods that they are not alone."

Sen. Portman said, "It will allow our affected communities to get much-needed federal assistance following this winter's terrible storms."

**Wright-Patterson:** Ohio delegates urged the Pentagon to pick the Dayton-area Air Force base to house the F-35 Hybrid Product Support Integrator Organization.

Wright-Patterson is "uniquely qualified" to handle that role, which could mean an additional 400 jobs, all of Ohio's senators and representatives wrote to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson.

"Based on the criteria used during the strategic basing process, we believe WPAFB's workforce makes the base the logical location for HPSI," the lawmakers wrote. "The basing process specifically requires acquisition professionals who are Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act certified with tactical fighter support experience, and WPAFB's workforce of engineers, programs managers, logistics managers, and contracting personnel would provide HPSI with an exceptional staff."

**Chamber Of Commerce Endorses Issue 1; P&G, Key, More Report Financial Results; Toledo Businesswoman Added To SBAC**

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has thrown its support behind a ballot issue aimed at reforming the state's redistricting guidelines.

The group's board of directors earlier this week voted to support Issue 1.

"The Ohio Chamber has long recognized the need for sensible changes to the redistricting process and we are pleased to join the bipartisan coalition supporting State Issue 1," President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel said in a statement. "Job creators know the value of a fair and competitive playing field in the marketplace, and State Issue 1 will bring this element of necessary, healthy competition to congressional campaigns, as well."

Mr. Doehrel said the group twice in the past 15 years opposed redistricting efforts that "did not represent a consensus approach."

**Procter & Gamble:** The Cincinnati-based company saw net sales of \$16.3 billion in the third quarter, up by 4% from the previous year.

Organic sales increased 1% for the quarter ended March 31, P&G reported. Diluted net earnings per share were \$0.95, an increase of 2%.

Operating cash flow was \$3.4 billion for the quarter, while adjusted free cash flow productivity was 95%, according to the company.

P&G returned \$3.2 billion to shareholders via \$1.8 billion of dividend payments and \$1.4 billion of common stock repurchase.

"We delivered modest top- and bottom-line growth in a challenging macro environment in the third quarter," Chairman, President and CEO David Taylor said in a statement. "We have large businesses in several difficult markets. The ecosystems in which we operate around the world are being disrupted and transformed. We will change at an even faster rate -- winning through superiority, cost and cash productivity and a strengthened organization and culture."

**KeyCorp:** The Cleveland-based company reported \$402 million in net income, or \$0.38 per common share, in the first quarter.

The financial services company reported net income of \$296 million over the same period in the previous year.

"First quarter was a good start to the year, with continuing momentum in our core businesses, as we grew and expanded relationships with our targeted clients," Chairman and CEO Beth Mooney said in a statement. "Revenue increased over 3% from the same period last year, driven by a higher net interest income, solid loan growth and stronger fee income."

**First Financial:** The Cincinnati-based bank reported net income of \$30.5 million, or \$0.49 per diluted common share, in the first quarter.

First financial reported net income of \$24.8 million, or \$0.40 per diluted common share, in the previous quarter.

"We are extremely pleased with our strong first quarter performance, representing our 110th consecutive quarter of profitability and top-quartile level returns," Executive Chairman Claude Davis said in a statement. "We are also excited about our recent merger with MainSource which closed on April 1st. We welcome our new colleagues from MainSource and together look forward to building an even stronger company going forward."

**SBAC:** Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor has appointed Jennifer Zalecki to the Small Business Advisory Council.

Ms. Zalecki serves as president and CEO of Toledo-based Battery Wholesale. The company, which Ms. Zalecki's father founded in 1983, operates seven retail stores in the greater Toledo area.

"Jennifer has been an effective small business advocate through her service to the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and has demonstrated her high business acumen through the success of her own company," Lt. Gov. Taylor said.

#### **Governor's Appointments**

**Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Council:** Kimpton E. Williams of Waynesville for a term beginning April 20, 2018, and ending January 31, 2021.

**State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services:** Capt. Kevin T. Uhl of Sycamore Township for a term beginning April 20, 2018, and ending November 12, 2019.

**Public Benefits Advisory Board:** Dasmine Wright of Columbus for a term beginning April 20, 2018, and ending June 30, 2018.

#### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Monday, April 23**

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Human Trafficking Commission, 18th Fl., 150 E. Gay St., Columbus, 2 p.m.

**Friday, April 27**


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Accountancy Board, 77 S. High St., Conference Room West B & C, 31st Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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## **Event Planner**

**Saturday, April 21**

**YMCA Youth & Government High School State Assembly 2, Statehouse, Columbus**

**Tuesday, April 24**

**OAHU Annual Day at the Statehouse, Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus**

**Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$350 to Brenner for Ohio)**

**Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) & Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) fundraiser, Pins, 141 N. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$350 to Matt Huffman for Ohio and/or Friends of John Eklund)**

**House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$3,700; Sponsor: \$1,370 to Committee to Elect Cliff Rosenberger)**

**Ohio Chemistry Technology Council's 30th Annual Legislative Reception, Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel, 50 North Third Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m.**

**Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association 20th Annual Legislative Reception, Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 25**

**American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Advocacy Day, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Davidson Theatre, Columbus**

**Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) and Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, Pins, 141 N. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$350 to Citizens for Bill Beagle and/or Citizens for Lehner)**

**Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) & Sen. Frank Hoagland (R-Adena) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Checks to Oelslager for Ohio Committee and/or Hoagland for Ohio)**

**Rep. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Valters at the Mannerchor, 976 S. High St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500; Patron: \$250, Individual: \$75 to Committee for Jim Hughes)**

**Thursday, April 26**

**Deadline to file pre-primary campaign finance reports**

**Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Vernon's Italian Ristorante, 720 Youngstown-Warren Road, Niles, 5 p.m., (Event Sponsor \$1500, Supporter \$1000,**

Friend \$500, Table Sponsor \$300, Individual \$60 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes)

Rep. Nathan Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) fundraiser, Berry's Restaurant, 15 W. Main Street, Norwalk, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$250 to Nathan Manning for Ohio)

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) fundraiser, Aloft Columbus Westerville, 32 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$250 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) fundraiser, The Lincoln Caf~~e~~, 740 E. Long St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$250, \$100, \$50, \$25 to Friends of Hearcel F. Craig)

## **Tuesday, May 1**

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Lobbyists/Employers can begin filing January-April 2018 Activity & Expenditure Reports

## **Wednesday, May 2**

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Pro-life Legislative Day

## **Thursday, May 3**

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Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Portage Country Club, 240 N. Portage Path, Akron, 5:30 p.m., (Chair: \$5,000 | Sponsor: \$2,500 | Host: \$1,000 | Guest: \$250 to Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)

## **Tuesday, May 8**

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Primary election day

## **Thursday, May 10**

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YMCA Youth & Government Model United Nations, Statehouse, Columbus

## **Friday, May 11**

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YMCA Youth & Government Model United Nations, Statehouse, Columbus

## **Saturday, May 12**

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YMCA Youth & Government Model United Nations, Statehouse, Columbus

## **Tuesday, May 15**

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Deadline for most public officials and employees to file personal financial disclosure statements.

Ohio Association of Health Plans Annual Legislative Reception, Statehouse Rotunda, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Please RSVP to Stacy Bewley at sbewley@oahp.org or for any questions call (614) 228-4662.)



Rep. John Rogers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) & Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor Levels: Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Friends of Rogers and Committee to Elect John Patterson. RSVP with Jenna Gravalis at 551-429-9895 or [jgravalis@ohiodems.org](mailto:jgravalis@ohiodems.org))

### **Wednesday, May 16**

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Ohio Auctioneers Association legislative day  
Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Michele Lepore-Hagan for State Representative)  
2018 Arts Day & Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio Luncheon, The Columbus Athenaeum, 32 North Fourth Street, Columbus, 12 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 22**

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Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Legislative Reception & Technology Demo, 77 S. High St., Capitol Theater Lobby, Columbus, 5 p.m.  
Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Market 65, 65 East State Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Guest - \$250; Host - \$500; Sponsor - \$1,000; Gold Sponsor-\$2,500 to Friends of David Leland)

### **Wednesday, May 23**

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Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid) fundraiser, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 41 S. High Street, Columbus, 8 a.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$350 to Kent Smith Committee)  
Rep. John Becker (R-Union Township) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1000; Sponsor:\$500; Host:\$350 to Friends of Becker)  
Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) fundraiser, OHROC , 21 W Broad St. 7th Floor, Columbus, 4:30 p.m., (Host: \$1000; Sponsor: \$500; Host: \$350 to Committee to Elect Doug Green)

### **Thursday, May 24**

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Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek) golf outing fundraiser

### **Thursday, May 31**

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JLEC Deadline for filing January-April 2018 Activity & Expenditure Reports

### **Friday, June 1**

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Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) & Rep. Nathan Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) golf outing fundraiser, Bob-O-Link Golf Course, 4141 Center Road (Rt. 83), Avon, 9:30 a.m., (9:30am Registration | 10:30am Shotgun Start | 3:30pm Appetizers and Awards; , Avon, Ohio 44011 Eagle Sponsor: \$1,500 | Birdie Sponsor: \$750 |

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**Monday, June 4**

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**Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) golf outing fundraiser, Crown Hill Golf Club, 9500 U.S. 22, Williamsport, 12 p.m., (12:00pm Lunch | 12:30pm Shotgun Start | 5:00pm Dinner. Tournament Sponsor \$2,000 | Eagle Sponsor: \$1,000 | Birdie Sponsor: \$500 | Hole Sponsor: \$200 | Individual Golfer: \$100 | Dinner Only: \$50 to Peterson for Good Government)**

**Friday, June 8**

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**House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) golf outing fundraiser**

**Monday, June 11**

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**Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) golf outing fundraiser  
Ohio's 2018 Opiate Conference: Strengthening Ohio's Communities, Hyatt Regency, 350 N. High St., Columbus**

**Tuesday, June 12**

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**Friday, June 15**

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**Deadline to file post-primary campaign finance reports**

**Monday, June 18**

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**Sen. President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) golf outing fundraiser**

**Monday, June 25**

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**Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville) golf outing fundraiser  
Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association Golf Outing, The Lakes, 6740 Worthington Rd., Westerville**

**Monday, July 16**

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**Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) golf outing fundraiser**

**Thursday, July 19**

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**Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) Batter Up fundraiser**

**Friday, July 20**

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**Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) golf outing fundraiser**

**Sunday, July 22**

**YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus**

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**Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) golf outing fundraiser**  
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**Friday, August 3**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file July campaign finance reports**

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Special election for 12th Congressional District seat**

**Thursday, August 16**

**Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) golf outing fundraiser**

**Monday, August 20**

**Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) golf outing fundraiser**

**Thursday, August 23**

**Hamilton County GOP State Legislative golf outing fundraiser**

**Saturday, September 1**

**Lobbyists/Employers can begin filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Reports**

**Thursday, September 6**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file August campaign finance reports**

**Monday, October 1**

**JLEC Deadline for filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Report**

**Wednesday, October 3**

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file September campaign finance reports**

**Thursday, October 25**

**Deadline to file pre-general campaign finance reports**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**General election day**

**Saturday, December 1**

**Lobbyists can begin renewing Legislative, Executive and Retirement System registrations for 2019**

**Friday, December 14**

**Deadline to file post-general campaign finance reports**

**Monday, December 31**

**All 2018 Legislative, Executive and Retirement System lobbying registrations expire in OLAC**

**Thursday, January 31**

**Deadline to 2018 annual campaign finance reports**

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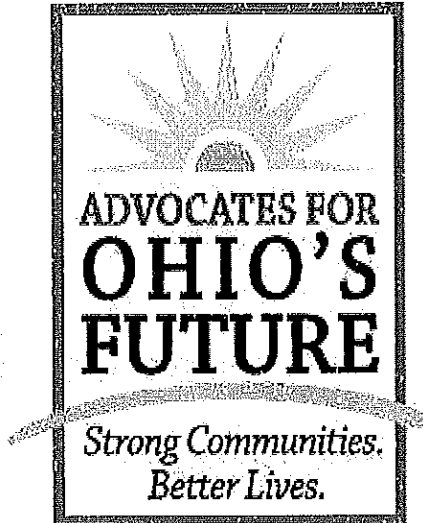
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## *Advocates for Ohio's Future is excited to Welcome new Coalition Manager Kelsey Bergfeld!*

*April 24, 2018*



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### **For Immediate Release**

COLUMBUS, OH – Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) is pleased to announce that Ms. Kelsey Bergfeld will become the organization's Coalition Manager on May 1.

AOF is a statewide coalition of nearly 500 local and statewide organizations that promote health and human service solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.

"I think Kelsey brings considerable advocacy and legislative experience to Advocates for Ohio's Future," said Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, the Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Food Banks and a co-chair of AOF.

Bergfeld most recently worked as the Legislative Liaison for SEIU District 1199 WV/KY/OH, and prior to that, was a Senior Legislative Aide for State Senator Tom Sawyer.

"We're excited about the experiences that Kelsey brings to the position. She has a wealth of knowledge in the legislative process and Ohio's health and human services system. Kelsey will be a great addition to our AOF team as we work to make sure all Ohioans live better lives. We look forward to her leading AOF into the future," said Mark Davis, President of Ohio Provider Resource Association and a co-chair of AOF.

In Bergfeld's new role, she will provide leadership in AOF's coalition work and policy advocacy. She will also work to develop legislative strategy for AOF and its members.

"Kelsey's understanding of the legislative landscape, certainly around health and human services programs, is very strong, and I think she is going to be a really

confident leader and a strong voice for our public policy agenda and representing our diverse coalition partners,= 2 said Hamler-Fugitt.

For more information on AOF, find us on Twitter at @Advocates4Ohio, on Facebook at Facebook.com/advocatesforohio or visit our website [www.advocatesforohio.org](http://www.advocatesforohio.org).

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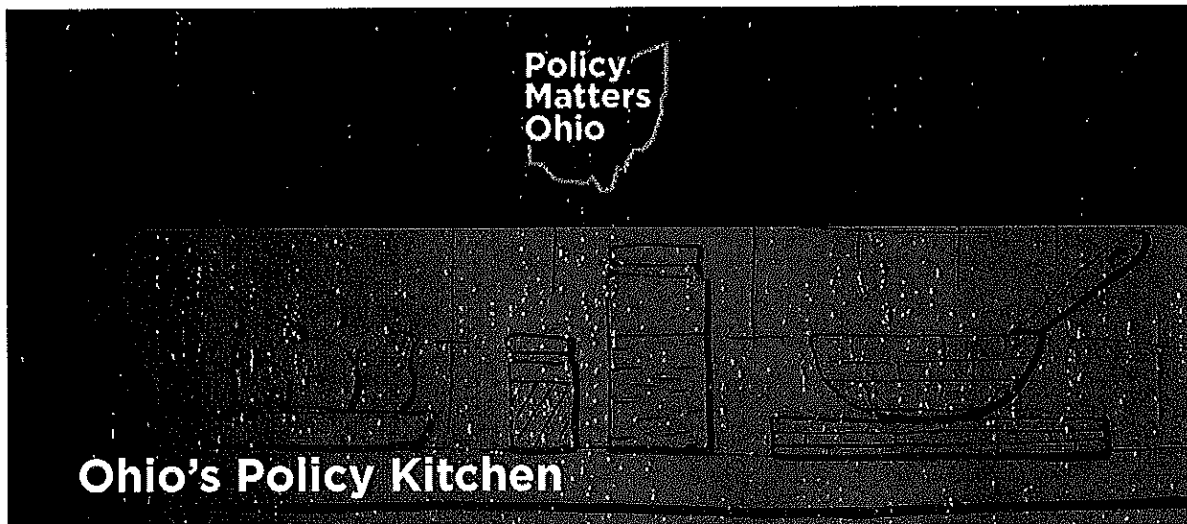


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**Paid family leave pays off, but too  
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In just a few weeks, Policy Matters Ohio communications director Caitlin Johnson will give birth to a baby boy. She'll be taking the summer off so she can bond with her little one and get her bearings as a new mom. Caitlin is among the lucky 13 percent of the nation's private sector workers who have access to paid leave. While the 1993 Family Medical Leave Act guaranteed certain workers the right to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave, most Ohioans can't use it because they either don't qualify or can't afford to go without pay. There is a solution: New legislation would allow Ohio's working people to earn paid leave. [Read Caitlin's blog to learn more.](#)

If you're in the Cleveland area, join us for a [screening of the documentary "Zero Weeks" this Thursday April 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Lee Theatre](#). Following the movie, Caitlin will moderate a panel featuring Rep. Janine Boyd and SEIU Local 1 organizer Max Gerboc.

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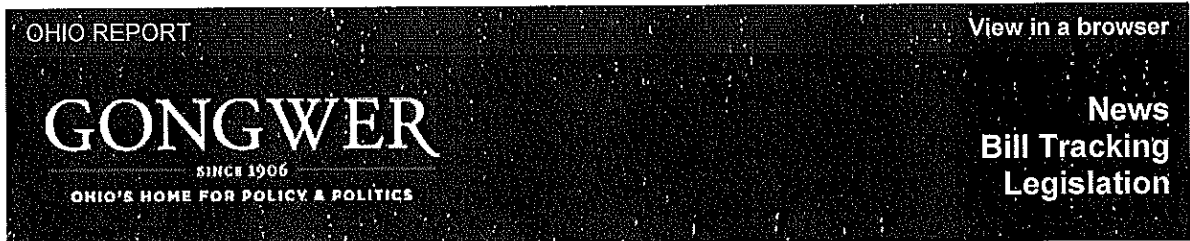
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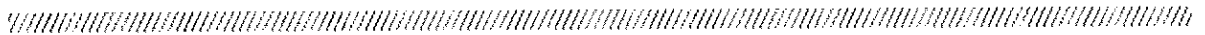
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Senate Leader Points To Variety Of Proposals After Kasich Urges Gun Safety Bill Vote

Gov. John Kasich wants to see a set of gun safety proposals he is supporting come up for a vote, but one legislative leader said his chamber is working through several firearm-related issues.

The governor said Tuesday he hoped to see a vote on a proposal (HB 585 & SB 288) to make several changes to the state's gun laws. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 5, 2018)

Gov. Kasich pointed to the deadly shooting over the weekend at a Tennessee Waffle House restaurant, saying the state needs a "red flag" law to seize guns from people determined to be dangerous. That someone was able to stop the shooter while he reloaded also shows the need for limiting the capacity of magazines, the governor said.

The governor's proposals, particularly the "red flag" language creating extreme risk protection orders, have met pushback from some Republican legislators. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 10, 2018)

Gov. Kasich said he still expects the proposal to become law.

"We're going to get this package through," he said. "This is going to happen. It's not going to be easy to duck and run away and put your head in the sand. I will not let that happen. Maybe they can stop it, but it isn't going to be without a lot of people feeling a lot, a lot of pressure."

The governor said the gun safety proposal would likely pass if brought up for a vote.

"Bring it up and have a vote on it," he said. "We'll see where the votes are. Let's see where the majority of the caucus is. I guarantee you, you put this gun safety on the Senate floor, it passes. We need a vote."

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Wednesday he doesn't expect that exact proposal to come to the floor of his chamber, but that members are looking at several different items that could eventually pass.

"We have a very open process, we will look at a number of different changes related to firearms, some of which are in line with what the governor is looking at, some of which are longstanding problems that our caucus has felt we had a need to fix," he said.

The Senate leader pointed to legislation ranging from one sponsored by two Republicans to shift the burden of proof in self-defense cases, among other changes (SB 180), to proposals by Democrats to ban bump stocks (SB 219) and to create extreme risk protection orders (SB 278).

"Whether anything passes or whether a lot of it passes, we'll decide as a caucus," Sen. Obhof said.

The risk protection order measure, sponsored by Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman), is one where Sen. Obhof said he's spoken with the sponsor and with the National Rifle Association in an effort to work out differences.

"Everything's on the table," he said.

PUCO Approves Modified AEP Rate Settlement

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's approval Wednesday of AEP Ohio's new rate plan sets the stage for what Chairman Asim Haque believes could be the state's longest period of rate stability in the last decade.

Mr. Haque made that assessment moments after the commission voted 4-0 to modify and approve a wide-ranging rate settlement agreement filed last year by AEP and 19 interested party groups. Commissioner Daniel Conway recused himself.

In addition to establishing rates until May 2024, the Electric Security Plan includes a \$21.1 million "Smart City Rider" to fund electric vehicle charging station development and microgrid investment.

If the commission later this year approves Duke Energy's own proposed settlement rate plan, rates would be stabilized for all four of Ohio's major electric utilities until the mid-2020s, Mr. Haque said.

"This decision represents stability for AEP customers," Mr. Haque said. "ESPs are big cases. They are time intensive and they are very litigious. To have stability in the AEP footprint...is a very good thing for AEP's current customers and for job creation in AEP's service territory."

The commission's order, which may still be appealed by opponents, has been years in the making.

AEP in 2016 filed its initial proposal but critics said that plan could pave the way for a 120% increase - from \$8.40 to \$18.40 a month - for affected customers. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 16, 2016)

The company filed a settlement agreement last year with 19 parties including the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the Ohio Environmental Council, Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, the Natural Resources Defense Council to address those concerns. AEP has said

the stipulation would lead to a less than 50-cent increase in average monthly bills. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 28, 2017)

Julie Sloat, AEP Ohio president and chief operating officer, said in a statement the plan responds to consumer requests.

"Our customers want reliability and access to advanced technologies, such as EV charging stations, microgrids and renewable energy resources," she said.

"Our plan allows us to bring these services, which also will support economic development in Ohio, to customers across the state. The ESP enables us to continue our investments in the electric grid to provide reliable power and help advance the new technologies and cleaner energy that our customers want."

Dan Sawmiller, the NRDC's Ohio energy policy director, said one surprising modification made by the commission in its order is the removal of a provision that would have enabled AEP to push back that requested 120% increase until 2020.

Other wins from supporters' point of view is a \$10 million rebate program for electrical vehicle charging stations, \$10.5 million for microgrid projects, and regulatory tweaks clearing the way for 900 megawatts of clean energy in Appalachia, Mr. Sawmiller said.

"AEP's now going to be positioned to respond to the expectations of Ohio customers that have been pushing AEP to invest in more clean energy options for years," Mr. Sawmiller said. "On top of that there are some pilot programs in the stipulation and the data and the insight we're going to gain...create the groundwork for a lot of forward-looking progress."

The agreement still has its detractors, including the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, which has argued the deal lacks specifics on customer costs and that the "Smart City Rider" should have been tackled through a separate rate case. The OCC last month petitioned the PUCO to reopen the case to enable further debate. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 2, 2018)

"With the PUCO's approval of AEP's electric security plan today, the trend of charging Ohioans to subsidize outdated and non-competitive power plants continues," OCC spokeswoman Molly McGuire said. "And AEP's plan will also leave consumers paying subsidies for electric vehicle charging, microgrids, large customers (interruptible rates), automakers (bill credits), and possibly renewable energy."

The OCC has continued to press lawmakers to pass a bill (HB 247) banning Electric Security Plans, which it says deprive consumers of the benefits of competitive markets.

But in its order the PUCO determined that the ESP is "more favorable in the aggregate" than a market rate offer, which is the statutory guideline by which the commission evaluates ESPs.

"The ESP proposed in the stipulation affords customers in AEP Ohio's service territory numerous benefits and advances many of the state policy objectives enumerated in (Ohio Revised Code)," the PUCO's order reads.

Commissioner Lawrence Friedeman issued a concurring opinion elaborating on the aforementioned statutory provision - O.R.C. 4928.02 (C) - which establishes state policy as promoting customer choice, encouraging innovation and facilitating the development of the competitive retail electric market through flexible regulatory treatment.

Mr. Friedeman opined that market distortions resulting from cost imbalances might undermine that code section and that those distortions may "erect market barriers which have the tendency not to promote retail competition but rather to have an anti-competitive impact or in an extreme eventuality to re-monopolize the retail market inconsistent with enunciated state policy."

House GOP To Vote May 15 On Next Speaker

House Republicans will vote next month to choose the next speaker, and it is likely that the results of primary elections will influence who gets the gavel.

The majority caucus will vote at noon Tuesday, May 15, to choose its next leader, Speaker Pro Tem Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said in a memo to members.

The special caucus will only consider votes for a new speaker to fill out the remainder of the year, not any other leadership positions, Rep. Schuring said.

The new speaker will replace Cliff Rosenberger, who resigned earlier this month amid an investigation by the FBI. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 12, 2018)

The speaker's race for the rest of the year could come down to the two candidates who have already been running for the job next year: Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) and Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford). Another possibility is that the caucus will select a placeholder speaker to finish out the year, and Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville), who is term-limited, has expressed interest in that role.

Rep. Smith has said he's confident he can win the speaker's chair when a vote is called. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 13, 2018)

He and Rep. Householder have both been supporting candidates in primary races in an effort to secure a majority in the next General Assembly. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 30, 2018)

If the race comes down to Rep. Smith and Rep. Householder, a likely factor in the race will be the results of the primary election, to be held a week before the speaker vote.

The caucus could also choose a placeholder speaker, likely a term-limited member. Rep. Pelanda said she has discussed the possibility that she run to finish out the rest of

the year. Unlike the other hopefuls, she would be able to do so without the distraction of running in another election.

"I truly believe that it's in the best interest of the members of the Ohio House of Representatives that we have an interim leader to finish out the business of the 132nd General Assembly," she said in an interview.

She said she has not aligned herself with either of the other speaker candidates and said she has had "thoughtful, encouraging" conversations with fellow members about running.

"We've got three weeks until the election and the members will continue to be thoughtful about what is in the best interest going forward for this assembly," she said.

Coal Group, Farm Bureau Urge Panel To Maintain Industry Tax Exemptions

Existing tax breaks supporting the coal and agriculture sectors should be preserved, stakeholder groups told the Tax Expenditure Review Committee Wednesday.

The Ohio Coal Association and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation were among a handful of interested groups arguing in favor of continuing certain tax exemptions as the panel considers whether to preserve or scrap them. (Testimony)

Their arguments are essentially the same - that their respective industries are experiencing trying times and therefore need all the assistance they can get.

OCA President Mike Cope said the coal industry is just now beginning to recover from the "relentless war on coal" waged by the Obama Administration.

"Any tax levied on the purchase of new equipment would be devastating to our recovering industry," Mr. Cope said. "State policy that could increase the cost of coal mining could translate into higher electricity bills for Ohio's consumers."

The tax credit Mr. Cope was referring to exempts tangible personal property used directly in mining. Memos from the Department of Taxation estimate that the break costs the General Revenue Fund \$73.4 million in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$74.3 million in FY 2019. (ODT Analyses)

The Farm Bureau, meanwhile, lobbied for the continuation of credits pertaining to tangible personal property used in agriculture and for the sales and installation of agricultural land tile and portable grain bins.

The former credit lowered GRF revenues by \$331.1 million and \$339.4 million in FY 2018 and 2019, ODT reported. The tile and grain bin concession has a smaller impact at just over \$1 million in each of those years.

"The application of sales tax to input costs of a capital intensive, low profit industry such as agriculture would have significant and severe consequences," said Tony Seegers, the group's director of state policy. "Farm Bureau strongly believes the sales tax exemption must be preserved."

If lawmakers did away with those tax credits, Mr. Seegers said, the higher costs wouldn't immediately be passed onto consumers through costs. Instead, he said farmers themselves would be forced to swallow the change.

"Because prices are dictated by commodity exchanges and global demand, increased costs associated with applying sales tax to inputs will largely be eaten by farmers," he said. "Considering the profit margins we operate on, one can't help to think this would very likely drive some farmers out of business."

The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants submitted written testimony defending an exemption for tangible personal property used in storing, preparing and serving food. ODT estimates a GRF impact of about \$34 million each fiscal year for the biennium due to that exemption.

"This exemption is vital to retailers engaged in providing food products to the general public, as well as to the public served by those retailers who benefit from lower prices as a result," the council argued.

Two other exemptions were on Wednesday's agenda but received no public feedback. They included sales of tangible personal property and services to electricity providers, and TPP used to produce printed materials. In Fiscal Years 2018-2019, those exemptions were expected to cost the GRF \$699.9 million and \$19.7 million respectively, according to ODT.

Wednesday's was the third overall meeting of the committee, which is tasked with reviewing all of Ohio's tax credits over the next eight years. The committee will meet again May 9 to discuss the remaining handful of sales and use tax breaks.

Chairman Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) said he anticipates the May meeting to be the committee's last this spring. The sales and use exemptions examined during the committee's meetings this year will form the basis of its first report this summer, he said.

"I think we're progressing in a manner that will help us make some decisions down the road and hopefully educate the people of Ohio who are watching," Sen. Oelslager said of the committee's work thus far.

The committee is expected to begin reviewing other exemptions heading into 2019 and has eight years to fully review all \$9 billion-plus a year Ohio's tax credits. The panel has already looked at manufacturing, packaging and a handful of other exemptions. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 11, 2018)

In general testimony, Zach Schiller, research director for Policy Matters Ohio, told members the legislature should appropriate funding for staff to undertake a more detailed analysis of the genesis of specific credits and how they have been broadened over time.

He also bemoaned that even as the committee continues its review lawmakers are still proposing and considering new tax exemptions through legislation.

"Adding new special-interest breaks is ill-conceived when this committee has barely started looking at the tax exemptions and credits we have now," Mr. Schiller said. "When the General Assembly thinks about giving away tens of millions for new business tax breaks, it should consider whether we have the money to pay for them, and whether the funds would be better spent educating young Ohioans, cutting our high infant-mortality rate, or fighting the opioid epidemic."

Supreme Court Keeps In Place Rulings On Transfer Agreement, Autopsies

The Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday denied several motions for reconsideration, including in two high-profile cases involving abortion and public records.

In one case, the court declined to reconsider its February ruling that found the Department of Health was justified in revoking the operating license of a Toledo abortion clinic for lack of a written transfer agreement with a "local" hospital.

In the ruling, the court found that Capital Care Network of Toledo violated state administrative code by inking a written transfer agreement with an Ann Arbor hospital, which the ODH deemed to not be local. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 6, 2018)

Ohio Right to Life President Mike Gonidakis called on the state to revoke the license of Toledo's only abortion clinic.

"Capital Care Network owes an enormous fine of \$40,000 to the state of Ohio, based upon repeated violations of state law," he said. "The original Ohio Department of Health order remains in effect and in order to reopen, this abortion facility must reapply for a license and pay its fine before aborting anymore children."

However, in a statement of its own NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio called on the ODH to immediately reinstate the license for the clinic.

"This morning, a woman in Toledo woke up with the knowledge that she needed an abortion," Executive Director Kellie Copeland said. "There is a clinic in her community that can offer her safe and professional care. That clinic has met all state requirements to provide abortion services. John Kasich and Mike DeWine are standing in between that woman and this clinic, and they are violating her rights as they do so."

Shortly after the court's original decision, the clinic lined up a last-minute transfer agreement with ProMedica.

The court also declined to reconsider its December decision in which it ruled against two newspapers that sought to compel the release of the final, un-redacted autopsy reports of eight individuals murdered in a single night in April 2016 in a Pike County case that is still unsolved.

The divided court in a 4-3 decision found the records requested by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Columbus Dispatch* fall under the confidential law enforcement investigatory records exemption. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 14, 2017)

The newspapers had argued that under the law final autopsy reports do not qualify for the CLEIR exemption because a coroner is not a law enforcement official.

Justice Terrence O'Donnell and Justice Sharon Kennedy dissented with the ruling on the motion to reconsider.

In a less high-profile case, the court also declined to reconsider its decision not to accept jurisdiction in a case in which a commercial fishing operation alleged that the state's administrative code defining Lake Erie yellow perch management units is unconstitutionally vague. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 14, 2017)

High Court Clarifies Appellate Review Of Arbitration Appeals

When an appellate court reviews a lower court ruling on an arbitration decision it should conduct an independent review of the legal claims made on appeal, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

In a unanimous decision authored by Justice Terrence O'Donnell, the high court determined appellate courts should accept findings of fact by trial courts that are not clearly made in error while reviewing the legal questions raised on appeal.

"When reviewing a trial court's decision to confirm, modify, vacate, or correct an arbitration award, an appellate court should accept findings of fact that are not clearly erroneous but should review questions of law de novo," Justice O'Donnell ruled.

The case stems from a dispute between the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities and one of its employees, the high court reported.

Patricia Byttner was hired to serve as an account clerk for the board with the understanding she would fill the role of a bus driver or bus aide in emergency situations.

After her hiring, Ms. Byttner refused a bus aide assignment, citing a pending knee surgery.

Two months later, the board amended her job description, leading to the union representing her to file a grievance. An arbitrator sided with Ms. Byttner and the union.

The board then successfully asked the Portage County Court of Common Pleas to vacate the ruling.

The union challenged the trial court decision at the Eleventh District Court of Appeals, which reinstated the arbitrator's decision.

However, the decision conflicted with other appellate court rulings, leading the case to the high court.

"In conformity with our resolution of the certified question, we recognize that the court of appeals conducted a proper de novo review of the trial court's decision in this case vacating the arbitration award, reversed its decision, reinstated the arbitration award, and therefore we affirm its judgment," Justice O'Donnell wrote for the court.

In his decision, Justice O'Donnell noted that nine of the state's appellate courts applied a de novo review while three applied an "abuse of discretion" review.

Tenth District Court of Appeals Judge Lisa Sadler sat in on the case for former Justice Bill O'Neill.

Cordray Campaign Pledges To Protect, Expand Veterans Benefits

Lieutenant governor candidate Betty Sutton on Wednesday unveiled her campaign's plan to safeguard health care benefits and create new employment protections for the state's servicemembers and veterans.

Ms. Sutton, the Democratic running mate of Rich Cordray, and former gubernatorial candidate Connie Pillich unveiled the campaign's policies regarding members of the armed forces at a press conference at the Statehouse Veterans Plaza.

The former congresswoman said the state has not done enough to support the men and women who are serving or have served in the military. She said enhancing services for veterans and better connecting them with existing resources would be a "top priority" in Cordray's administration.

"Too often our respect and admiration simply hasn't been matched by tangible action to help our veterans and servicemembers," she said.

The campaign's plan calls for the state to better fund county veterans services commissions to help them assist veterans making medical claims, offer incentives for employees who hire veterans with mild traumatic brain injuries, and protect the state's expansion of Medicaid for veterans who do not qualify for VA benefits.

Ms. Pillich, the head of the campaign's veterans policy team, said the "No. 1 concern" among veterans she has talked to throughout the state is health care. She said the Cordray campaign's plan would safeguard and expand important resources for servicemembers.

"Ohio veterans need much more than a specialty license plate," she said.

The former Ohio House member and U.S. Air Force veteran said the campaign also is proposing to include a box for veterans to check on state tax returns to allow the governor's office to identify them and connect them with available resources.

The plan also suggests the state protect the jobs of Army National Guard members who have been activated and allow spouses who lose their jobs because of a servicemember's transfer to collect unemployment benefits.

Ms. Sutton said she and her running mate also would make it a priority to take combat "predatory lenders" who target veterans.

"I can think of no leader with stronger credentials to do that than Rich Cordray," she said, citing her running mate's tenure as head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Ms. Sutton, who previously served on the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, also pointed to Mr. Cordray's work on a successful 2009 ballot issue to authorize bonuses for veterans of conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Persian Gulf as evidence of his support for servicemembers.

"We owe veterans an enormous debt of gratitude, but our gratitude must be matched by tangible action by state government to improve the lives of veterans, servicemembers and military families," Mr. Cordray said in a statement. "Betty and I will fight every day in office to honor those who have served and provide them with the support they need to thrive in Ohio."

Obhof OK With Legislative Look At E-School Enrollment Rules; OSU Joins Anti-Poverty Effort; Portman Bill Targets Tech Teacher Training; Auditor Issues Bus Study...

Senate President Larry Obhof on Wednesday said setting standards for verifying e-school enrollment falls within the legislature's purview after a whistleblower's claims thrust a shuttered charter school back into the spotlight.

The chamber leader said after a nonvoting session that the body "should take a look" at how the state measures enrollment and funds such schools rather than fully deferring to ODE.

"When the legislature's able to do things or has the responsibility for doing things, it should be the legislature, not an administrative agency, that does that," he said.

The Associated Press first reported an employee of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow told Department of Education officials last year that the school demanded workers manipulate attendance figures after the state moved to recoup \$60 million in

payments. Within hours, the former employee's claim became an issue among candidates for attorney general and auditor. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 24, 2018)

Despite backing an examination of the issue by the legislature, Sen. Obhof (R-Medina) said he does not support "micromanaging all of the fine-tuned details" of the state's enrollment-verification process.

A bill (HB 611) sponsored by Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) that would tie state payments to e-schools to the use of verifiable software that tracks attendance, class size and participation was introduced last week in the House.

Alliance for the American Dream: Ohio State University has received a \$1.5 grant after a philanthropic organization selected the school to participate in an effort aimed at bolstering the middle class.

Schmidt Futures, a group founded by former Alphabet Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt, announced this week it added OSU to its Alliance for the American Dream. The effort seeks to increase economic opportunities for working Americans and reduce poverty.

"We are delighted to announce that Ohio State will act as an inaugural partner in the Alliance for the American Dream," Mr. Schmidt said in a statement. "When I was in Columbus last December, I saw firsthand the energy and vibrancy of the campus and region. Columbus is a perfect place to find great, fresh ideas. We are delighted to support them as they fuel an innovation engine to help distressed communities and expand the middle class."

As part of the collaborative project, OSU will receive \$1.5 million in funding to engage business, community and government leaders in "in a robust brainstorming process," according to a news release from the school.

"As a modern land-grant university, Ohio State is committed to expanding opportunity, unlocking talent and increasing economic vitality," OSU President Michael V. Drake said in a statement. "We are absolutely thrilled to join the Alliance and to partner with individuals and communities on this important and timely endeavor. It's 'The Columbus Way' in action."

Teacher training bill: U.S. Senator Rob Portman announced the introduction of a bill aimed at establishing a grant program to support training for career and technical education teachers

"Quality CTE teachers play a key role in expanding access to high quality programs and making sure more students and parents recognize the value of a CTE education - all of which helps lead to more and better job opportunities for students," Sen. Portman said in a statement. "I'm proud to introduce this bipartisan bill to ensure that we have better prepared teachers for this generation and generations to come."

The Creating Quality Technical Educators Act would provide funding for one-year residencies at schools for potential career and technical educators.

Sen. Portman (R-Terrace Park) is co-chairman of the Career and Technical Education Caucus with Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA). The co-chairs introduced the legislation alongside Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

The Alliance for Excellent Education, the American Federation of Teachers and the Association for Career and Technical Education have expressed support for the measure.

Feasibility study: Belmont County school districts could save money by combining their efforts to maintain school buses, according to a study called the "first of its kind" by the state auditor's office.

The Bellaire Local School District, the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District, the Shadyside Local School District and the St. Clairsville-Richland City School District requested the state perform the study after seeing the number of bus riders decrease in recent years.

The study found the districts could operate more efficiently and save money by combining some maintenance efforts. Legislation (HB5) that took effect in 2016 gave the auditor's office the power to study the feasibility of potential efforts to share services among local governments.

"Ohio has thousands of local government entities, which has the advantage of keeping government close to the people, but the drawback is duplication of effort," State Auditor Dave Yost said in a statement. "Sharing services can keep government close to the people while reducing redundant administration, facilities and equipment. This saves money and improves efficiency for taxpayers. It also is a way to continue providing an adequate level of service even if costs rise or budgets shrink."

Space Embarks On Tour To Highlight Corruption; Cordray Launches New Ad; Yuko Gets SEIU Backing...

Zack Space announced that he is embarking on a two-day, five-city tour detailing the "corrupt culture on Capitol Square."

The state auditor hopeful in a statement cited the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow scandal and the resignation of former Speaker Cliff Rosenberger as examples of the "the pervasive culture of corruption."

"We must take state government back from the self-interested incumbents and campaign contributors who put their special interests above the needs of ordinary Ohioans," he said in a statement. "That's why I am calling for a wide-ranging criminal investigation into ECOT and for the politicians who aided and abetted this scam to

donate every cent of campaign contributions received from ECOT founder Bill Lager and his associates to charities supporting Ohio public schools."

The tour included Wednesday stops in Youngstown and Steubenville and will head to events in Dayton, Toledo and Lima on Thursday.

New Ad: Democrat Richard Cordray is up with his second television ad in his gubernatorial campaign.

In "Save," the former director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau touts his record of protecting consumers.

"As treasurer, Cordray safeguarded your tax dollars. As attorney general he recovered \$2 billion that Wall Street stole," the narrator says in the 30-second spot. "That's why President Obama chose him to be our nation's top consumer watchdog."

SEIU Backing: Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko, who faces a primary challenge from Rep. John Barnes (D-Cleveland), announced on Wednesday the Service Employees International Union District 1199 WV/KY/OH is backing his candidacy.

In announcing the endorsement Anthony Caldwell, director of public affairs, in a statement cited the Richmond Heights Democrat's three-decade career as a union organizer.

"Yuko's career as a 30-year union organizer reinforces and guides his principles to support the people of his district and determination to help those who are most vulnerable. He wants families in the 25th Senate District and across Ohio to earn fair wages, a quality public education, and access to healthcare coverage," he said.

Union Endorsement: Franklin County Recorder Danny O'Connor picked up another endorsement in his bid for the Democratic nomination in the 12th Congressional District.

The Communications Workers of America Local 4502 announced Wednesday that it is backing his candidacy. President David McCune in a statement said Mr. O'Connor will fight to protect working families.

"Danny has a passion for issues that affect hard working men and women such as creating economic opportunity and jobs for Ohio, improving our education system, and safeguarding our voting rights and the commitment to work for families," he said.

Farm Bill: The Ohio Farmers Union announced Wednesday its opposition to the U.S. House's version of the farm bill.

President Joe Logan said the proposal "turned a blind eye toward the urgent needs of farmers for a strong safety net" and "to the nutrition needs of America's least fortunate in both rural and urban communities."

"The Congress and administration have clearly demonstrated a willingness to explode the federal budget deficit by giving a \$1.5 trillion tax cut to wealthy corporations and individuals," he added. "When rural America asks for a far more modest budget request, they can't manage to find a way to lend a hand."

BWC Rebate: In the wake of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's announcement that it is issuing an employer premium rebate to the tune of \$1.5 billion, the Ohio Association of Justice is questioning a challenge to an appellate court ruling that found some "scheduled loss awards" should be paid in lump sums.

BWC was paying those awards to workers who suffer amputations or loss of use due to industrial injuries on a biweekly basis.

"It is time to ask, when did the Ohio workers' compensation system stop being about injured workers?" John Van Doorn, government affairs director, said in a release. "We are all in favor of job creation in this state, but let's share some of the BWC's financial surplus with the injured workers who the system was constitutionally created to protect."

Advocate Seeks KY Seat: Longtime Ohio Statehouse fixture Col Owens is looking to enter the other side of the legislative political realm - just in another state.

Mr. Owens, who served for 30 years as senior attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio and was involved in Advocates for Ohio's Future and other groups backing health and human services funding, is running as a Democrat in Kentucky's 69th House District.

The lifelong Kentucky resident's candidacy is the subject of a fundraiser next month at the home of former Ohio Rep. Ted Celeste and wife Bobbie, 1230 Oakland Ave. in Grandview Heights.

Those interested in attending or seeking more information on the event, set for 5:30-7 p.m. May 10, should RSVP to Cathy Levine at cathyjlevine@gmail.com or 614-313-7478.

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Governor's Appointments

Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees: Rick Ritzler of Galena (Delaware Co.) has been appointed to the for a term beginning April 25, 2018, and ending August 31, 2023.

Waterways Safety Council: Amy Dingle of Dayton (Montgomery Co.) has been appointed to the for a term beginning April 25, 2018, and ending January 30, 2021.

Supplemental Agency Calendar **Friday, April 27**

STEM Designation Committee, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9

Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, Rm. 1914, 77 S. High St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

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Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, April 26

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

BWC Board of Directors, 30 W. Spring St., Room 3 on Level 2, Columbus, 8 a.m.
Facilities Construction Commission, Rm. 121, Statehouse, Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Deadline to file pre-primary campaign finance reports

Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Vernon's Italian Ristorante, 720 Youngstown-Warren Road, Niles, 5 p.m., (Event Sponsor \$1500, Supporter \$1000, Friend \$500, Table Sponsor \$300, Individual \$60 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes)

Rep. Nathan Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) fundraiser, Berry's Restaurant, 15 W. Main Street, Norwalk, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$250 to Nathan Manning for Ohio)

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) fundraiser, Aloft Columbus Westerville, 32 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Guest: \$250 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) fundraiser, The Lincoln Caf , 740 E. Long St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (\$250, \$100, \$50, \$25 to Friends of Hearcel F. Craig)

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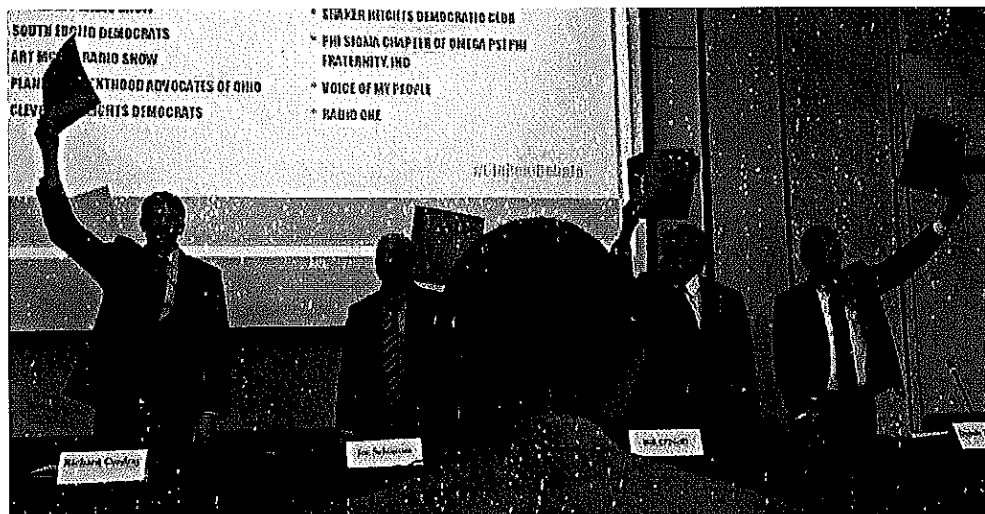
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Setting the Agenda: News from Policy Matters



Democratic gubernatorial candidates signal their unanimous support in response to a question about clean energy and green jobs

Framing the debate: Democratic gubernatorial candidates had one last chance to make their case to Northeast Ohio last week. Joe Schiavoni, Richard Cordray, Dennis Kucinich and Bill O'Neill debated before a standing room only crowd in Cleveland Heights, where they articulated their visions for Ohio. With Ivan Conard of the Young Black Dems, our director Amy Hanauer moderated the debate, pushing for

straight answers to questions about jobs, education, clean energy and more. You can stream video of the event [here](#), or listen to ideastream's coverage [here](#). Early voting is already under way, and Primary Day is May 8th. See you at the polls!

Platform in Progress: In this crucial election year, Ohio needs candidates who embrace a research-based progressive platform. [*A Winning Economic Agenda for Ohio's Working Families*](#) provides that. The report, a collaboration with our friends at [Innovation Ohio](#), proposes investing in infrastructure, manufacturing, childcare and education. It calls to restore adequate taxes, protect workers, and reduce discrimination, addiction and incarceration. And it is a living document: We'll fold in feedback from people across the state, gathered at public forums throughout the summer. Huge thanks to our Hannah Halbert and IO's Terra Goodnight for doing the heavy lifting to get this report to press. The first forum is May 16th in Columbus. Stay tuned for details!

If there were any doubt: The Trump Tax law showers benefits on the most affluent Ohioans, while cutting the basics for the rest of us. Get the details in a new [report](#) from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. Our Zach Schiller's Tax Day [release](#), finds that middle-income Ohioans average an \$800 cut, while the top one percent take home an additional \$40,190. The result will be an estimated \$1.9 trillion deficit explosion. To pay for it, the Trump administration and its allies in Congress plan to squeeze American workers and caregivers, blocking access to crucial safety net programs for millions.

SNAP works, new bill doesn't: To pay for these lavish tax cuts, the House Agriculture Committee passed the Farm Bill, which threatens over 1.4 million Ohioans who need food assistance to get enough to eat. It erects needless barriers by expanding work requirements, stiffening penalties, and cutting off food aid for hungry Americans. Victoria Jackson's new [report](#) finds these measures fail to increase employment, don't help the economy, and leave millions of Americans hungrier. Contact your [congress member](#) now to resist this cruel, counterproductive bill.

What would you do with \$9 billion?: Like other state spending, tax

expenditures should have a purpose, and should be regularly evaluated to determine effectiveness. Last year's HB 9 established the Tax Expenditure Review Committee to do just that. Ohio spends \$9 billion annually on these breaks. Zach recently testified, advocating careful analysis and regular reapproval of every tax expenditure, rather than allowing them to continue indefinitely. Contact your legislator if you can think of better ways than tax breaks to spend \$9 billion.



Caitlin Johnson in the Policy Matters offices

Paid family leave: Communications Director Caitlin Johnson will have her first child in June! While we'll likely pressure her to bring the little guy in for a visit, we offer paid leave, and we plan to let her spend her first few months of motherhood bonding with her son and getting her bearings as a new mom. In her recent blog, Caitlin acknowledges how fortunate she is: Only 13% of American private sector workers have access to paid leave. Policy can fix this and Ohio leaders are stepping up: State Reps. Janine Boyd and Kristin Boggs, and State Sen. Charleta Tavares have proposed bills to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. **Check out the Ohio Women's Public Policy Network's advocacy toolkit for ways you can promote the bill.**

Sarah Silverman and Policy Matters: Comedian Sarah Silverman called out Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos on Twitter for his low pay of workers. Check out this [video](#) to see where those findings came from. Want the receipts? Check Zach's [recent research](#) on Amazon's exploitative practices.

Out and about: In the last two weeks, Amy moderated the Democratic governor's forum; Victoria moderated a panel on "Realizing education potential" at Case's Schubert Center for Child Studies; we co-hosted a screening of the documentary *Zero Weeks* with a panel discussion, moderated by Caitlin and featuring Representative Boyd and Max Gerboc from SEIU Local 1; Zach testified on tax expenditures; and [Wendy testified](#) on the sales tax exemption for oil and gas companies.

Coming up: On Saturday, the Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues and Progress holds its [23rd annual leadership conference](#), including A Community Conversation on the Status of the Hispanic/Latinx Community, with our Daniel Ortiz. Wendy Patton will appear on *In Focus with Mike Kallmeyer* to discuss Medicaid work requirements on Spectrum Cable channels 1311, 510, and 511, Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 and 11:30 am, and Monday at 7:30 am. Amanda Woodrum will be on *Face the State with Scott Light* for a roundtable on health care and Medicaid on WBNS TV10 in Columbus Sunday, May 6th at 11:30 am. Cynthia Connolly will host a table top at Cleveland Public Theater's event [Station Hope](#) on May 5th as part of their *Activate Hope* installation, from 6:30-10:00 pm at St. John's. Tune in or join us at these great community conversations.

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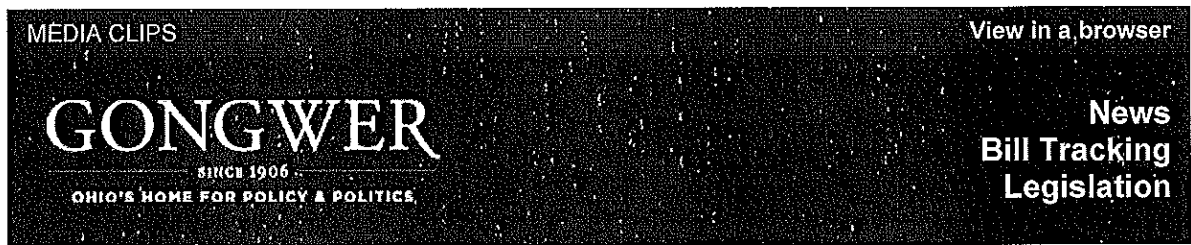
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Ohio governor to announce chronic pain prescriber standards (Associated Press, 5/2/2018)

**Ohio's top court to hear arguments on promotions tax dispute
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Here are all 403 personalized license plates Ohio rejected in the past year (Cincinnati Enquirer, 5/2/2018)

Who's who in the 'toss-up' race for Congress (Cincinnati Enquirer, 5/2/2018)

As Richard Cordray campaigns for Ohio governor, the federal agency he headed is in trial in Cleveland (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/2/2018)

Conservative Buckeye Institute says bail reform in Ohio would save money (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/2/2018)

Dennis Kucinich says the bulk of his consulting fees came from anti-G.M.O. group (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/2/2018)

Kane launches second ad of GOP primary for Tiberi's old seat (Columbus Dispatch, 5/2/2018)

Kucinich: I got \$122,000 as consultant for sustainable food group (Columbus Dispatch, 5/2/2018)

Mike DeWine stresses conservative credentials in new TV ad (Columbus Dispatch, 5/2/2018)

Ohio asks feds for OK to impose Medicaid work requirements (Columbus Dispatch, 5/2/2018)

Trump accuser getting donations from across US for Ohio race (Columbus Dispatch, 5/2/2018)

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Ohio may ban free international travel for lawmakers (Dayton Daily News, 5/2/2018)

Report: Bail reforms could save Ohio taxpayers \$67 million a year (Dayton Daily News, 5/2/2018)

Sexual assault legal loophole prevents victim military transfers, lawmaker says (Dayton Daily News, 5/2/2018)

Algal blooms harder to control because of climate change, other factors, data shows (Toledo Blade, 5/2/2018)

Commissioners, state representative advocate for regulation of payday loans (Toledo Blade, 5/2/2018)

Groups explore extent of ECOT 'hush money' (Toledo Blade, 5/2/2018)

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Dimitri McDaniel in the Democratic primary for Ohio House 12: endorsement editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/2/2018)

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OHIO'S TOP COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON PROMOTIONS TAX DISPUTE

The Ohio Supreme Court has set a date for arguments in a dispute over promotions offered by the Cincinnati Reds to ticket buyers including bobbleheads and other items.

OHIO GOVERNOR TO ANNOUNCE CHRONIC PAIN PRESCRIBER STANDARDS

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is preparing to announce new standards to help people suffering from chronic pain get proper treatment from prescribers to avoid addiction.



KUCINICH SAYS HE GOT \$120K AS CONSULTANT FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD GROUP

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dennis Kucinich received \$122,000 in consulting fees in 2016 from a group that works for food sustainability and safety, his campaign said Tuesday.

TRUMP ACCUSER GETTING DONATIONS FROM ACROSS US FOR OHIO RACE

The national exposure that has come with her accusations of sexual harassment against President Donald Trump has translated into an unprecedented number of individual campaign contributors for Rachel Crooks' Ohio House campaign.

MIKE DEWINE STRESSES CONSERVATIVE CREDENTIALS IN NEW TV AD

With a week until Election Day, the Republican gubernatorial campaign of Mike DeWine is airing a new TV commercial that it hopes underlines his conservative credentials — and support of President Donald Trump.

SPENDING FOR TV ADS COULD BE TROUBLE FOR ECOT IN UPCOMING AUDIT

The first report regarding ECOT's operations following allegations from an insider that the school used new tracking software to manipulate attendance data will come from the state auditor.

Dayton Daily News

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REPORT: BAIL REFORMS COULD SAVE OHIO TAXPAYERS \$67 MILLION A YEAR

A new report from the Buckeye Institute says Ohio could save \$67 million a year in jail costs by changing the bail system used by courts.

OHIO MAY BAN FREE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR LAWMAKERS

In the wake of Republican Cliff Rosenberger's abrupt resignation as Ohio House speaker, state Rep. Niraj Antani is proposing reforms to state ethics laws when it comes to gifts, meals and travel for legislators.

MAY ELECTION: BIG MONEY SPENT IN MIAMI/DARKE COUNTY STATE HOUSE RACE

Nearly a quarter of a million dollars has been spent on the Republican primary in Ohio's 80th state House district making it one of the most expensive statehouse primary in the region.

THE PLAIN DEALER

AS RICHARD CORDRAY CAMPAIGNS FOR OHIO GOVERNOR, THE FEDERAL AGENCY HE HEADED IS IN TRIAL IN CLEVELAND

A trial that began in U.S. District Court in Cleveland on Tuesday pits the federal agency Ohio Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray once led against a law firm the agency accuses of conducting deceptive debt collection practices.

DENNIS KUCINICH SAYS THE BULK OF HIS CONSULTING FEES CAME FROM ANTI-G.M.O. GROUP

Former U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich's gubernatorial campaign released more details Tuesday about the roughly \$120,000 he received from consulting.

RICK RALEY IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR OHIO HOUSE 14:

ENDORSEMENT EDITORIAL

State Rep. Martin J. Sweeney is moving on from his 14th Ohio House District to run for the Ohio Senate, leaving the House seat wide open for four Democrats eager to succeed him -- including his 25-year-old daughter, Bride Rose Sweeney.

DIMITRI MCDANIEL IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR OHIO HOUSE 12:

ENDORSEMENT EDITORIAL

Several strong Democratic primary candidates are seeking to replace term-limited state Rep. John Barnes Jr. in the 12th Ohio House District, which reaches from a slice of southeast Cleveland to Bedford, Bedford Heights, Highland Hills, Maple Heights, Mayfield Heights, North Randall, Orange, Pepper Pike and Warrensville Heights.

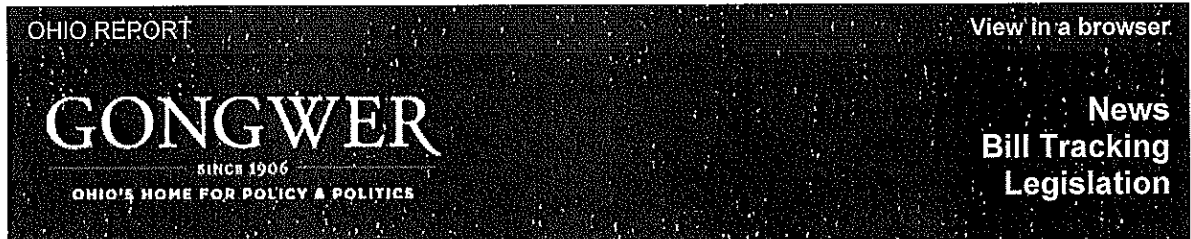
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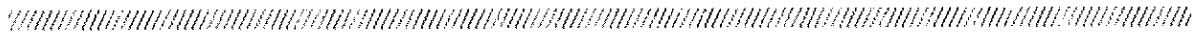
ASHFORD, FEDOR SQUARE OFF IN PRIMARY FOR OHIO SENATE SEAT

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State Auditor: ECOT Officials May Have Engaged In Criminal Activity

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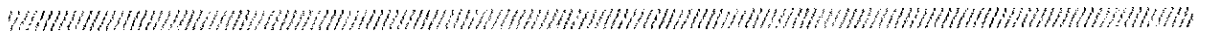
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State Auditor: ECOT Officials May Have Engaged In Criminal Activity

State Auditor Dave Yost on Thursday referred his office's audit of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow for potential prosecution before blasting the Department of Education's oversight of the now-shuttered e-school and calling for stricter state laws on such entities.

The auditor's report determined that ECOT failed to provide documents proving students were using their computers for educational purposes for the hours it requested payment for during the 2016-17 school year. The audit found that although the school used tracking software known as ActivTrak to record what websites and programs students were using and how long they were using them, it did not provide all of that data to ODE.

Mr. Yost also issued findings for recovery on nearly \$250,000 that ECOT-related entities spent on political advertising as the General Assembly was considering new measures to regulate charters and ODE was looking to claw back payments made to the online school.

The audit's release kicked off another round of criticism from Democrats who accused Republican leaders of failing to oversee ECOT and prompted several Republican statewide candidates to donate money their campaigns had previously received from school leaders (*See separate story*).

Mr. Yost called information garnered from ActivTrak "the smoking gun" in his office's investigation into ECOT, which ended with him referring the findings to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office.

"For the first time, we can prove that ECOT submitted information to ODE in order to get paid that it knew to be false when it was submitted," Mr. Yost said.

After ODE requested information on student participation at the e-school, Mr. Yost said ECOT provided "meaningless and unreliable information ...that ODE inexplicably accepted." He said department officials should have pushed for more information from the school.

"I would not have accepted the watered-down, blanked-out spreadsheets that were submitted to ODE," he said.

In a statement, Mr. Yost went further to challenge the department's handling of the e-school.

"With the level of incompetence displayed by both the school and ODE, the regulator, it's amazing that any money went to education whatsoever," he said.

ODE spokeswoman Brittany Halpin in a statement pushed back against the auditor's claim that the department mishandled its oversight of ECOT.

"No one has held ECOT more accountable for the education of students than the Department of Education, and our work to return approximately \$80 million to Ohio's taxpayers continues," she said.

Ms. Halpin said department officials "repeatedly questioned and subsequently rejected portions of ECOT's data."

ECOT closed in January after the State Board of Education voted the previous summer to claw back \$60 million from the school after an audit found it over-reported its full-time enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. The panel earlier this year tacked on another \$19 million to the school's debt, claiming it again overstated enrollment for 2016-17. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 12, 2018)

The e-school has filed two appeals with the Ohio Supreme Court, claiming ODE and the State Board of Education acted improperly in the lead-up to its closure. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 16, 2018)

Along with a referral for possible prosecution, the auditor's office issued a finding for recovery of \$249,962. The amount reflects an invoice submitted to ECOT in 2017 for a political ad buy that eventually was paid by Third Wave Communications, according to the auditor's report.

Mr. Yost said Third Wave Communications shares common ownership with other ECOT-linked businesses, leading auditor's investigators to conclude it paid the invoice in order to disguise ECOT's role in purchasing the advertising, which targeted the ODE and state lawmakers.

Karl Schneider, an attorney representing Third Wave Communications, said in a statement the finding for recovery was "meritless" and the result of a political frenzy around ECOT. He said Third Wave plans to challenge the finding.

"Mile-wide, inch-deep investigations have a tendency to lead to unsubstantiated conclusions that generally fail when tested with evidence in the court system, which is the case here," he said.

The auditor said ECOT officials also declined in April to sign a routine letter stating they provided all information necessary for the completion of the audit and that they had informed auditor's investigators of any possible fraud or illegal actions.

Auditor Yost said he anticipates his office will offer legislative recommendations based on the audit of ECOT, which likely will focus on preventing conflicts of interest and

promoting transparency among e-schools and the companies that manage them. He said the legislature also should look into whether funding such schools based on the time their students spent in class makes sense.

"Online learning needs to go to a learning-based, or achievement-based funding mechanism," he said.

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Thursday afternoon he is proud of legislation passed in 2015 (HB 288) that overhauled the state's accountability system for charter schools, which he said is working. He said he had not read the auditor's report, but would be open to recommendations from Mr. Yost.

"I'd be happy to sit down with him and talk about that," Mr. Obhof said.

A message seeking comment from ECOT's attorney was not returned prior to deadline.

Democrats Seek To Anchor Republican Candidates To Online School Faulted In Audit

On the day Auditor Dave Yost announced he was referring his audit of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow's finances to prosecutors, Democrats made hay out of Republicans' ties to the defunct e-school.

Former federal prosecutor Steve Dettelbach, Mr. Yost's Democratic opponent for the office of attorney general, in a series of tweets Thursday again called on Yost to recuse himself from ECOT-related matters and questioned the timeline that led up to the referral.

"Dave Yost's excuses for why he couldn't refer the case are a flat out joke. I was a federal prosecutor for 20 years. Fraud cases don't get better with age," Mr. Dettelbach wrote.

At a press conference for the release of the report, Auditor Yost defended the timing of the referral.

"The criminal referrals always happen at the conclusion or near the conclusion of our work," he said.

David Pepper, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party, said in a statement the auditor's report jibes with Democrats' previous criticisms of charter schools.

"Finally, after years of pretending otherwise, even the Republican auditor of this state is at long last admitting that one of the central policy directions pursued by Republicans in Ohio for nearly two decades turns out to be a fraudulent scam," he said.

Pepper also accused Yost of taking contributions from ECOT, then "(handing) out awards to ECOT like candy and (ignoring) whistleblowers who came to his office."

Mr. Yost said auditor of state awards are "given under objective criteria," adding ECOT received its awards before the Department of Education imposed standards requiring e-schools to provide data on how long their students spent in class.

"The auditor of state's award has nothing to do with how well you're run," he said. "It has specifically and only to do with whether you meet these criteria, and if you meet them, you automatically get the award."

The auditor also denied accusations his office ignored the claims of a whistleblower who went to ODE and the auditor's office last year alleging the school ordered employees to manipulate enrollment data. Mr. Yost said auditor's officials spoke with him twice and reviewed documents he provided to investigators.

"(The whistleblower's) knowledge was insufficient to base a criminal referral (on) at that time," Mr. Yost said, adding that the auditor's office was "already aware of virtually everything that he said" and working on an audit program to review the school.

The Yost campaign also announced it is donating \$29,395 to charity to offset contributions made by people with ties to ECOT to Mr. Yost's state auditor campaign and transition committee in response to the referral for prosecution.

Allison Dumski, spokeswoman for the campaign of Republican auditor candidate Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina), said in a statement the campaign is donating \$36,513 to "high quality charter schools" to offset donations from ECOT founder Bill Lager to Faber's prior campaigns.

"As made evident by Auditor Yost's report today, ECOT abused the state's public trust, deceived parents, and most importantly, hurt the thousands of students who sought a quality education," Rep. Faber said in a statement. "Thanks to the strong charter school reforms put in place while I was Senate president and the diligent work of Auditor Yost and his staff, ECOT was caught and is out of business."

Mr. Faber's democratic opponent in the auditor's race, former Congressman Zack Space, called for politicians who took contributions from ECOT or related individuals to give them back in a Thursday-morning tweet.

"Finally, a long overdue referral for prosecution, after YEARS of scamming our tax dollars. Many questions remain, but the biggest: what role did political contributions have in creating or perpetuating this scam? Pals who took ECOT \$ should return it," he wrote.

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) in a statement said the auditor's announcement was a case of "better late than never."

"However, I am concerned that the auditor avoided acknowledging his own failures to hold ECOT accountable in the past," he said. "The auditor is well aware that the Ohio Department of Education had the power to ask for detailed student attendance data before 2014. That means the data should have existed and Auditor Yost could have asked for it."

Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) in a statement called for a bipartisan reform effort in regards to e-schools. He said the legislature could start by considering a measure (SB 39) introduced by Sen. Schiavoni in February.

"It is within the legislature's mandate to create a more efficient and effective education system so that Ohio's children have the opportunity to thrive," he said. "Members of the General Assembly have a moral obligation to work together toward bipartisan e-school reform."

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) and Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron) sent a letter to Mr. DeWine requesting the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the e-school.

"Taxpayers, students and their families deserve to know the truth about the extent of ECOT officials' criminal activity to defraud the state out of tens of millions of dollars," the letter stated.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rich Cordray used the release of the audit as an opportunity to tie his Republican opponent, Attorney General Mike DeWine, to the e-school.

"This is just the latest attempt by Republicans in the Statehouse to whitewash their ECOT scandal," Mr. Cordray said in a statement. "They willfully looked the other way as a billion of our taxpayer dollars went to a politically-connected for-profit charter school instead of to educating Ohio students. In exchange for enabling their scam, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted raked in tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions, while our state, taxpayers and children were being defrauded and mistreated."

Joshua Eck, a spokesman for the DeWine/Husted campaign, said in a statement the auditor's report actually shows Republicans are providing oversight of charter schools.

"Mike DeWine and Jon Husted believe that every dollar we invest in education needs only one priority: Helping our kids get off to a great start in life," he said. "Anyone who tries to manipulate that system should be held to account. It's a shame Richard Cordray doesn't understand how Republicans are already imposing that accountability."

Medicaid Officials Detail Safeguards For Managed Care Expansion

Managed care plans and the Ohio Department of Medicaid said Thursday they're ready for the scheduled July 1 carve-in of behavioral health services, although the agency said it has contingency plans in place to alleviate potential problems.

One point of concern for the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was one plan's recent struggles meeting the state's prompt pay standards, problems that plans said were not tied to behavioral health.

The move to managed care is the second step in the behavioral health redesign process, and administration officials also argued before JMOC that the first stage - new billing codes - is starting to turn the corner. (*See separate story*)

Although Medicaid officials said they're confident the state's managed care plans will be ready to take on behavioral health services come July, they also detailed a series of safeguards designed to mitigate any issues. (ODM Presentation)

Those protections include a six-month period after the carve-in during which Medicaid members can use any provider for services regardless of who their managed care plan is, said Patrick Stephan, ODM's director of managed care. The period was initially three months but was extended to six months to include an open enrollment period in which members can change managed care plans if they choose.

"Any provider providing services to somebody in the new system will be paid by the managed care plans, no questions asked," Mr. Stephan said.

After that period, providers and plans will still be able to work out single-case agreements if the provider isn't in a plan's network, he said.

Another safeguard is that plans will have to follow the Medicaid program's fee-for-service coverage policies and payment rates through June 30, 2019.

ODM will also develop a post-implementation task force including managed care plans, providers and groups representing providers to identify issues and address them, Mr. Stephan said.

The department will also offer a contingency plan for providers who face problems with billing, similar to a contingency plan offered during the first stage of the redesign, he said. Plans would make a monthly payment for July, August, September and October for providers serving their members equal to 54.6% of the provider's average monthly Medicaid reimbursement in 2016.

Representatives of the five managed care plans told the committee they were each prepared to handle the change in services.

"Improvements for behavioral health in Medicaid will occur July 1 due to managed care carve-in," said Buckeye Health Plan President and CEO Bruce Hill. "Buckeye and the other Medicaid plans have been working closely with our providers for months to ensure a smooth transition."

One managed care organization that JMOC members questioned extensively was CareSource, which is working with ODM to resolve failures to meet the program's prompt pay standards in the second half of 2017.

JMOC Chairman Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) asked CareSource to provide its plan of action for resolving prompt pay issues to the committee in the next week.

CareSource Ohio President Steve Ringel said the company would comply and had experienced no problems with prompt pay in behavioral health. He told Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) that the problems stemmed from having insufficient staff, and that they largely occurred in primary care. The plan has offered cash advances where there are significant issues with specific providers, he said.

Rep. Antonio asked ODM officials about the remediation process for prompt pay failures.

When the department identifies problems with a plan, it works with them to identify issues and develop a solution to bring them back into compliance, Mr. Stephan said.

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) questioned why it has taken several months for ODM to act on CareSource's issues.

"To me, eight months is a long time, so I would encourage the department to potentially move these triggers up, so we're not six, seven, eight months down the road when we're finally acting in a manner that facilitates change," he said.

Mr. Stephan said both the plan and ODM have taken the issue seriously and are working on solutions. He also said they have considered changing the requirements, which currently mandate plans pay 90% of claims within 30 days and 99% within 90 days.

"Through the balance of this process, it is a topic that we are looking into," he said.

Administration Points To Improvements In Behavioral Health Redesign Payments

State Medicaid officials argued Thursday that the first step in the behavioral health redesign process, a move to new billing codes, is beginning to stabilize after some initial uncertainty.

The administration used data covering the first three months of the year to tell members of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee that billing problems are being resolved and that the new system is, in many cases, paying providers more quickly and efficiently than before.

The comments come in response to a survey released last month by the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers that found many members were receiving

significantly less in overall payments from Medicaid. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 19, 2018)

Greg Moody, director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation, said that survey, which covered 80% of the council's members, represents about a quarter of providers affected by the behavioral health redesign. (ODM Presentation)

While payments for claims in February were down 20% compared to the previous February, those numbers in January and March were close to the same, with total payments in the first quarter of 2018 down about 7% compared to the same period in 2017, Director Moody said.

When looking at denial rates of claims, Mr. Moody said the 18% denial rate in March was down compared to 28% seen in January, showing providers are working out problems with the new system.

That rate, above the typical denial rate of about 11%, also is inflated because the new coding system is disqualifying claims that previously might otherwise have been paid by Medicaid, including claims that should be paid by other payers, he said. When those claims are eliminated, the denial rate drops to 11% in March and 15% for the first quarter overall, he said.

Many of the denials - about 41% - are coming from 26 providers, which account for 6% of the total number, he said. When they are removed, the denial rate for March drops to 5%. Mr. Moody also pointed out that hospitals, which have more experience with the code sets and the system, experienced a denial rate of 1% for the quarter.

"Many of the early concerns with redesign are being addressed as we look at actual system performance," he said.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) cited a drop in total behavioral health spending in April, which was not included in Mr. Moody's presentation.

April's spending is affected by a one-week payment delay for the month for all providers in the Medicaid program to keep the program's budget balanced, Mr. Moody said.

"A significant portion of the reduction in April is unrelated to redesign, it's related to a one-week delay in payment," he said.

The council's survey was conducted "at the point of maximum consternation" with the new process, Mr. Moody said.

"Everything in the council survey are things that we flagged to monitor and track because they could be signals of something going wrong," he said.

Sen. Coley said the fact that overall spending in behavioral health remains below last year's total continues to raise red flags.

"From a budgeting standpoint, their concerns are not as overblown as we thought," he said.

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) asked how much providers are being told about why a certain claim was denied.

"What does that look like moving forward so these folks can actually get what they need and we can actually find out whether this is why they're losing that funding?" she asked.

Medicaid Director Barbara Sears said providers are given codes explaining why a claim was denied, and that with larger denials, the department will reach out to providers to explain.

"I can't have my folks explaining how to bill Medicare or a third party, but what I can tell you is that now that we have moved to a national code set, it's easier for them to bill those services," she said.

The administration's comments didn't quell the Ohio Council's concerns about the plan to move ahead with the next step of the behavioral health redesign. CEO Lori Criss also pointed to prompt payment issues with one managed care plans as raising questions about the planned July 1 managed care carve-in. (*See separate story*)

"Today's discussion at JMOC reinforced that the state, managed care plans, and providers are not yet showing full signs of readiness for a July 1 move to managed care, especially with fewer than 8% of providers shown as being in a position to serve the same capacity that they served last year at this time," she said in an email.

"It's stunning to think that the administration can declare readiness when at the same time revealing that the Ohio Department of Medicaid has known for months but not shared that CareSource, which covers over 50% of Ohioans on Medicaid Managed Care, has violated their timely payment requirements."

Prompted by the council's survey, one Democratic lawmaker also announced Thursday that he would ask ODM to delay the planned carve-in by six months.

"Logistical issues during the rollout of the redesign plan have wreaked havoc on our healthcare providers, threatening care and forcing many to eliminate staff and essential services," Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) said in a statement. "This is especially troublesome at a time when we continue to battle our worst-in-the-nation opioid crisis. Extending Phase I by six months will allow us to iron out the issues and refocus our efforts on what truly matters-delivering quality, affordable healthcare to Ohio families."

Retirement Study Council Approves 2019 Budget

The Ohio Retirement Study Council will see a slight spending increase under a budget approved by members Thursday.

The panel signed off on the \$781,800 budget request with little discussion after council Director Bethany Rhodes walked members through an overview. The annual increase is just above 1%, or \$8,450. The council receives no legislative appropriations and is funded through the plans' investment earnings.

The School Employees Retirement and the State Teachers Retirement systems also presented current drafts of their own budget proposals. Rising insurance costs, additional staff training expenses and increasing bank fees appear to be the common themes. (Committee Documents)

Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) applauded the ORSC's budget for zeroing out a line item previously put aside for communication products like phones and internet.

Ms. Rhodes explained that because the council relocated to a state office building, it no longer needs to rely on a private vendor for those services. She said, however, that the line item would remain in the budget in case the council should relocate at some point in the future.

Ms. Rhodes said she was also successful in following through on members' prior instructions to attempt to extend the contract of the council's two actuaries - PTA/KMS and RVK - which were to expire in August. She said both agreed to extend the contracts another five years at the current rate.

Other systems: Representatives of the School Employees Retirement System and State Teachers Retirement System shared their own budget projections with the council, although SERS CFO Tracy Valentino said that system's proposal is still a work in progress and will likely be lower when it returns for council consideration.

SERS' proposed operating budget increased 4.3% over the current year, partly attributable to a 4.7% increase in personnel costs and a 5.5% increase in health insurance. All told, the total budget clocks in at just more than \$34 million - up from \$32.9 million the year prior.

Member Thomas Pascarella questioned Ms. Valentino on the increase in banking fees the system has seen. She replied that as the assets grow, so too do the custodial and related fees.

STRS CFO Paul Snyder said the system is eyeing a 2.2% increase - up from \$99.9 million to \$102 million - for its 2019 budget. He said the system has trimmed six full-time equivalent positions thanks to online efficiencies and teacher retirements - a fact Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) praised.

Recommendations: Senior Research Associate Jeff Bernard outlined staff's recommendation to remove a provision in the Ohio Revised Code requiring Highway Patrol Retirement System to conduct an annual adequacy contribution rate report.

Those reports, Mr. Bernard suggested, are duplicative and costly. The council, he noted, would still have the ability to request such a report if the change were adopted. System Executive Director Mark Atkeson said he supports the proposal.

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said the issue will be discussed at the group's next meeting along with whether similar requirements for other systems should likewise be eliminated.

The council also voted to recommend lawmakers modify maximum statutory penalties for systems failing to transmit either employee or employer contributions.

State Offers Guidance On Mental Health, Firearms; Chronic Pain Rule Available For Comment...

The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services issued guidance this week to help mental health practitioners with questions surrounding mental illness and firearms.

The memo comes as the debate over firearms and particularly mass shootings continues at the state and federal level.

ODMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst wrote to providers that the discussion demonstrates the important role they play in the conversation and in the prevention of violence.

Statistics show a relatively small number of violent acts directed toward others are committed by people with mental illness, and that people with mental illness are much more likely to use firearms to take their own lives, he wrote.

"When individuals with certain mental illnesses are actively experiencing symptoms, they may be impulsive, misperceive reality and have impaired judgment. If firearms are available, the risk to themselves and others increases markedly," he wrote.

"Health care providers have no duty more important than to maintain the wellness and safety of patients, families and the communities where they reside. This duty is accomplished by providing effective treatment for psychiatric disorders and substance use problems, as well as remembering our duty to address the risk that exists from access to firearms for those under mental health treatment."

Dr. Hurst recommended patients and their families be advised of the risks posed by firearm access, and the importance of mitigating them. He also stressed the importance of ensuring relevant documents are submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in the case of an involuntary commitment.

"While our clinical interventions alone will not eliminate all firearm-related injuries and deaths, they most certainly eliminate some of them," he wrote. "Even one life saved is worth it."

Chronic Pain Rules: The Ohio State Dental Board posted draft rules of proposed new regulations on the prescribing of opioid medications for chronic and subacute pain.

The proposed rules were announced last week by Gov. John Kasich and medical professional boards. They create a framework of checkpoints for prescribers when authorizing progressively stronger doses of opioid pain relievers. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 2, 2018)

Comments on the rules can be sent to the dental board via email with the rule number in the subject line, and with the Common Sense Initiative copied on the email. Comments will be accepted through Friday, May 18.

The board also expects to hold a public hearing on the rule in July.

Medicaid Waivers: A report by Policy Matters Ohio questioned research cited by federal health care regulators in supporting Medicaid waivers imposing work requirements on certain members.

PMO claimed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services misstated or misinterpreted the findings of various academic studies in justifying a move toward additional work requirements for Medicaid members.

"Medicaid's mission is to improve the health of Americans struggling to make ends meet," Wendy Patton, PMO senior project director, said in a statement. "Good health is a precondition for work, not a reward for it. Nothing in academic literature justifies CMS's plan. In fact, in many cases, the research shows why this policy is flawed."

Agency Briefs: AG Approves Petition For Legalized Pot Issue; Arts Council Gets Nearly \$1 Million NEA Grant; Auditor; ODA; DAS

A resubmitted petition summary for a ballot issue to legalize marijuana in Ohio was approved Thursday by Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Backers of the proposed constitutional amendment, titled "Marijuana Rights and Regulations," will be cleared to begin collecting signatures after the Ohio Ballot Board determines whether the language requires a single or multiple issues.

Mr. DeWine's office determined that, unlike the committee's first attempt, the new petition summary represented "a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law."

Under the proposed amendment, which also prescribes how governments can restrict the use of marijuana in ways similar to alcohol-related laws, a new Ohio Constitution section would "endow the Rights of persons in Ohio age 21 and older to possess, cultivate, process, use, transport, sell, purchase and share marijuana in Ohio...."

Ohio Arts Council: For the ninth consecutive year, OAC is celebrating the award of the second-largest partnership agreement grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The \$995,800 received to help support arts initiatives throughout the state tops the amount granted to larger states such as Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania, OAC reported. (Details)

"Ohio has a long tradition of securing nearly \$1 million annually through the State and Regional Partnership Agreement program from the National Endowment for the Arts. We are proud to receive the largest award in the Midwest and the second largest award in the nation, OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins said in a statement.

"Every dollar we earn from the NEA is invested in the arts statewide through our grantees. The federal investment in the arts in Ohio is important, not just the Ohio Arts Council grant award, but the 16 grants given this cycle in a variety of categories to arts organizations across Ohio."

State Auditor: Dave Yost has placed the Village of Bridgeport in Belmont County on the state's "unauditable" list due to a lack of documentation.

"During the course of the regular financial audit of the Village of Bridgeport for the period Jan. 1, 2016, through Dec. 31, 2017, the Auditor of State's office determined that the condition of the village's financial records was not adequate to complete the audit," his office reported. In a letter to the village, the Auditor's office provided a list of information required to complete the audit.

"Complete financial records shine a light on local governments," Auditor Yost said in a release. "Taxpayers should not be left in the dark on how their dollars are being spent."

The village has 90 days to respond to the letter by revising its financial records and providing the required data. Failure to do so could result in legal action.

In a separate release, Mr. Yost announced that Nicholas Szabo, the former city auditor of London in Madison County, pleaded guilty to theft in office "for his failure to reimburse the city for his health insurance costs and for an unauthorized pay increase for a fellow employee."

Mr. Szabo resigned in December. The auditor said he will be sentenced on the fourth-degree felony violation on June 7.

Mr. Yost also announced this week that a special audit of Mt. Sterling was recognized by the National State Auditors Association with an Excellence in Accountability Award.

"The award recognizes the office's work in uncovering extensive corruption and almost \$1 million in illegal spending at the small Madison County village," his office reported. "The special audit was instrumental in securing the convictions of four administrators

and employees, including former Mayor Charles Neff and former Village Administrator Joseph Johnson."

"The exemplary professionals of my office continually get results - and justice - for Ohio's taxpayers," Auditor Yost said. "This recognition from their peers is evidence of the first-rate work rooted in every audit and investigation they perform."

Department of Agriculture: The agency reported Thursday that an invasive species of hemlock-killing insects had been discovered in Adams County.

The hemlock woolly adelgid, an aphid-like Asian insect first reported in the U.S. in 1951, has devastated the trees in areas along the Appalachian Mountains and has been detected in 20 states.

The infestation in Adams County was discovered through the survey work being conducted by the ODNR Division of Forestry in Shawnee State Forest. The bugs were first detected in a forested setting in Ohio in Meigs County in 2012, the agency reported.

"At this time, ODA will move to expand its hemlock quarantine, enforced by ODA's Plant Health division, to include Adams County," ODA reported. "Ohio quarantine regulations restrict the movement of hemlock materials from areas known to be infested with HWA into non-infested Ohio counties. Ohio's quarantine law also requires hemlock materials to be inspected and officially certified before being shipped, verifying that the plant material is free of HWA when entering Ohio."

The agency separately announced that aerial treatments designed to control the gypsy moth population would begin soon in 54 acres in Franklin County. The treatments are administered using a low-flying aircraft and will likely take place during early morning hours, ODA said.

The department said it will use Foray (Btk), a naturally occurring bacterium found in the soil that interferes with the caterpillars' feeding cycles, adding that the substance is not toxic to humans, pets, birds or fish.

Administrative Services: The state will hold next miscellaneous surplus property auction on Saturday at the DAS General Services Division headquarters, 4200 Surface Rd. in Columbus.

Scaffolding and a Delta RS-15 shaper are among the unique items being sold at the auction, which also features "a wide variety of computer equipment (e.g., laptops, monitors and printers) and electronic appliances (e.g., copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, audio and video equipment and mobile radios).

Doors open at 8 a.m. and the auction begins at 9 a.m. More details are available on the DAS website.

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Daily Activity Planner for Friday, May 11

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No legislative committees scheduled.

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Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 644-6030), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

- SB 275** **NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Burke, D.) Regarding the authority of certified registered nurse anesthetists to administer drugs in addition to anesthesia and to select and order certain other drugs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 247** **PERS HEALTH CARE** (Dolan, M.) To require the Public Employees Retirement System to permit certain spouses of retired or deceased members to continue receiving allowances to pay for health care expenses under the System's group health care plans. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 263** **NOTARY PUBLIC** (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 265** **PHARMACY SERVICES** (Dolan, M.) To permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services lawfully provided by a pharmacist and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 273** **RATING AGENCIES** (Hackett, B.) To enact for the Revised Code a definition of the term "rating agency." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of John Adams, CFA, Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission; Rachel Bankowitz and Donald Brogan, RA, Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board; Charles Bills, Owens State Community College Board of Trustees; Thomas Carroll, Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee; Rachel Cummings, Southern State Community College Board of Trustees; Matthew Davis, Ohio Business Gateway Steering Committee; Terrence Fergus, Cleveland State University Board of Trustees; Charles George, Youngstown State University Board of Trustees; Matthew Kirby, CFP, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority; Gary Lindgren and David Scholl, Third Frontier Commission; Austin McClain, Ohio University Board of Trustees; Jill Neff and Joshua Smith, Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees and Rick Ritzler, Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees
- SB 296** **LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFITS** (LaRose, F., Hottinger, J.) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 318** **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers, to require the

- Facilities Construction Commission to study and report on school building security upgrades and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 299** **WATER IMPROVEMENTS** (Gardner, R., O'Brien, S.) To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- HB 353** **UNCLAIMED FUNDS** (Reineke, B.) To exempt certain open-loop prepaid cards, closed-loop prepaid cards, and rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- SB 246** **STUDENT REMOVAL** (Lehner, P., Manning, G.) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre- kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 4 p.m.
- HB 580** **GRANT APPLICATIONS** (Thompson, A.) To establish procedures that executive agencies must follow when applying for grants, to require the Governor to approve any major grant application, and to permit the Governor to disapprove any minor grant application. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 26** **JERUSALEM** (Faber, K., Keller, C.) To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 228** **GUN LAWS** (Johnson, T., LaTourette, S.) To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (6th Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 85** **HEALTH CARE COMPACT** (Retherford, W.) To enter into the Health Care Compact. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.
- HB 544** **SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS** (Rogers, J., Perales, R.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)







- SB 216** **SCHOOL REGULATIONS** (Huffman, M.) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 517** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Schaffer, T., Leland, D.) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 540** **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (Gavarone, T., Manning, N.) With regard to teacher evaluations. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 591** **SCHOOL REPORT CARDS** (Duffey, M.) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-Possible substitute-Pending referral)
- Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hackett, B., 466-3780), South Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.
- HB 392** **APIARY DAMAGES** (Stein, D.) To grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases involving bee stings. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 506** **DOG BREEDERS** (Hill, B.) To revise the law governing high volume dog breeders. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

Wednesday, May 16

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9 a.m.

- SB 135** **VOTING EQUIPMENT** (LaRose, F.) To make supplemental operating appropriations for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium and supplemental capital appropriations for the FY 2017-FY 2018 biennium to implement a voting machine and equipment acquisition program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-Pending referral)
- Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11:15 a.m.
- House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 3 p.m. or after session
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Timothy Staup, Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board and Norman Lane, State Fire Council

- SB 293** **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS** (Peterson, B., McColley, R.) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 295** **ROAD NAMING** (Hottinger, J.) To designate a portion of State Route 93 in Tuscarawas County as the "PFC Oscar F. Nicewander Memorial Highway" and a portion of State Route 520 in Holmes County as the "Cpl. Jerry Robert Spitler Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m. or after session
- HB 360** **BULLYING** (Greenspan, D.) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 87**  **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 438**  **ESC BOARDS (Hambley, S., Kick, D.)** To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards, to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions, and to authorize educational service centers to establish local professional development committees. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 21**  **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Hambley, S.)** Regarding verification of community school enrollments. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 113, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 527**  **VISITATION RIGHTS (LaTourette, S.)** To allow certain specified persons to petition the probate court for reasonable visitation with an incompetent or ward if visitation between the person and the incompetent or ward has been interfered with or denied. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 572**  **RETIREMENT CREDIT (Scherer, G., Howse, S.)** Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 158**  **ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.)** To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Thursday, May 17

Joint Ohio College Affordability Committee (Chr. Wilson, S., 466-9739), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

- Presentation from Chancellor John Carey on past and current initiatives to reduce the cost of college education

~~Canceled~~-House Session-(Committee Record)-(Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1 p.m.

- If needed

Tuesday, May 22

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

- If needed
Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- If needed

Wednesday, May 23


Joint Education Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, G., 466-8150), North Hearing Rm., 8:30 a.m.

- Presentation by State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and update on progress of other research projects (tentative)
Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1 p.m.

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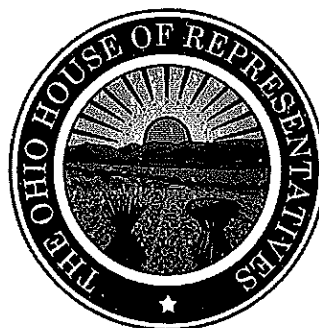
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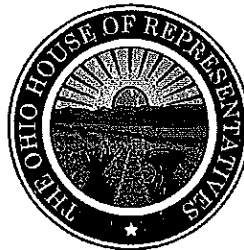
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